

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

10:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to this joint worship service
with our friends from Bloordale and Richview United Churches!*

We are glad you joined us.

May you feel the warmth of God's presence.

Our Mission:

To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

**Bold indicates words said by All*

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need and

O God, Beyond All Praising (arr. Thomas Keesecker)

J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda Maw

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

There once was someone, who said... and he said,

"I am the Light of the World."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jani Francis

Come.

Come into the softness and Love that is God

Spirit, gently embrace us, receive our laments,

our joy, and our collective hopes.

Our Creator calls us to come,
to rest in moments of comfort and awe,
declaring to each of us... sing!

God's voice is important to us.

Our voices are important to God.

Come into this time of worship.

Come into the softness and Love that is God.

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OPENING HYMN

O God beyond All Praising

VU 256

Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF WONDER

MUSICAL OFFERING *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* (Samuel Liddle)
Bill Price, baritone
J.-C. Coolen, piano

GREEK SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1.3-14

REFLECTION *With Every Spiritual Blessing?* Rev. Maya Douglas

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* **VU 375**
Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus *v. 1, 3, 4*
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,

when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

VU 660

Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

v. 1, 2, 3, 5

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig/Nancy Price)

Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

Descant: Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist Emerita

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Go with us, Lord, as now we depart,
Calming the fears that trouble each heart.
Keep us all in your grace
Until we come, again, to this place.

Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,
Living in faith and teaching His word.
Share His love every day,
For He has surely shown us the way! Amen.

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POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* (arr. Larry Shackley) J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service (in alphabetic order):

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word and Sacrament

Rev. Linda Maw, Presider

Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist Emerita

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Jasmin Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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NEXT WEEK: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23, 89.20-37; 2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Jeremiah 23.1-6; Mark 6.30-34, 53-56; Ephesians 2.11-22.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the congregants of Bloordale UC and Richview UC who are worshipping with us this Sunday. Thank you for joining us! Feel free to join our virtual coffee time to say, "hi" (Zoom meeting info below).

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Worship Service Coffee Time: Please join Rev. Maya immediately after worship on **Sundays** over Zoom in lieu of “meet and greet”, please use one of the following options.

Using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414121724?pwd=S1lJakFPSnM5UEEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09Using>

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724

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OR

If you wish to phone in, please use the following information. Dial by your location:

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In response to the 215 children buried unceremoniously at the Kamloops Residential School, Bloordale United Church has shared the following message:

A few of us have been sharing our grief and lament over the discovery of the remains of the 215 children at the Kamloops Residential School, and beyond the advocacy and action that we are asked to take up, including writing letters about the passage of Bill C-15, the implementation of the TRC Calls to Action, etc., we also wanted to undertake a more local expression of solidarity and support. **We invite people, from our own faith community,**

from other faith communities, and from the general public, to bring a pair of shoes and place them on our church's front steps as a means of making a public witness.

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Our Bible Study groups will not meet until September 13th.

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Children from our Sunday School have enjoyed participating in "Go Project" Camps (Christian-based camps which integrate a "service project" - whether that is doing a creek clean-up, or preparing bagged lunches for a youth shelter, etc.).

This year, things look a little different, but they are offering day camps in both Barrie and Toronto. Camps are for Grades 1-7 students, and are \$175 per week.

If you are interested, more information and the registration form is available here - feel free to pass on the link to others who may be interested:

<https://thegoproject.ca/childrens-adventure-camps/>

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The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy: If you are between 5-17 years old and would like to join us in the Fall, please contact Choir Director, Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com for more information.

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Senior Choir rehearsals have concluded for the spring, and will resume on Thursday evening, Sept. 9 (time and format TBD). To participate in the Senior Choir, and for rehearsal information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or jccoolen@sympatico.ca.

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Choral Leads/Soloists' Concert Connection. Our fantastic St James Choral Leads/Soloists are performing in a variety of settings in the wider community. Below, please find information on their upcoming performances. We invite you to take in these excellent performances by our Choral Leads/Soloists and their musical colleagues!

Current/Archived Events

YouTube Premiere: Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Archive available until July 24

Cawthra Park Secondary School Spring '21 musical: *Matilda*

featuring Nicholas Gryniewski, St James' Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar as The Trunchbull

Web site: <https://sites.google.com/pdsb.net/cawthraparkmatilda2021/home>

June 23 - July 21, 2021

Gustav Holst's *Savitri*

Against the Grain Theatre

including Renee Fajardo, St James' Alto Choral Lead/Soloist in the Chorus

Available on-demand for free (with the option to donate) [Savitri: get your tickets here](#)

[AtG's Savitri Trailer](#)

[Savitri Webpage](#)

YouTube Premiere: Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Archive Recording: <https://youtu.be/4fOBJduqZAA>

Anna Wojcik, soprano

End-of-year Recital

Glenn Gould School

On-line Premiere: Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 3:00 pm

Archive Recording: <https://www.royalconservatory.live/videos/the-glenn-gould-school-vocal-showcase>

Glenn Gould School Vocal Showcase Concert

including Anna Wojcik, St James' Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

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Summer Donations: If you are not a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) donor and plan to be away during the summer months, please consider leaving postdated cheques in the office to cover your summer donations. They can be mailed to the church or dropped off in the church mail slot at the front doors, as well as dropped off to the church office. You might even want to consider enrolling in the PAR program which ensures your monthly donations are received by St. James electronically.

As always, donations may be made electronically at any time via PayPal, credit or debit card at <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/donate/>, or via e-transfer to <stjames_uc@rogers.com>.

UPCOMING EVENTS:**Summer Book Study: "The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are" by Brené Brown**

Rev. Maya will lead this book study on wholehearted living on **Wednesdays at 7 pm**. If you want to participate, please order a paper copy from a book store, or an e-book online, or get a copy from the public library. Please join us from anywhere.

July 7 - Introduction to "The Things That Get in the Way"

July 14 - Guidepost #1 - Guidepost #3

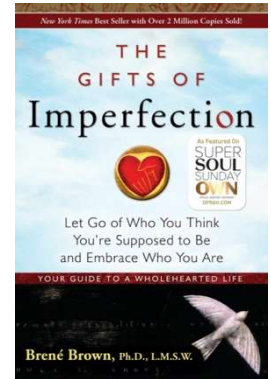
July 21 - Guidepost #4 - Guidepost #5

July 28 - Guidepost #7 - Guidepost #8

August 5 - Guidespost #9 - Guidepost #10

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363702665?pwd=b3pIb0g1SkZDTGtmUVNQVWZqWCsrUT09>



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FUTURE SERVICES:

Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. - Our worship will focus on singing, and include virtual choir presentations by the Senior Choir and Junior-Youth Choir.

Richview UC will host July 25th to August 8th, and
Bloordale UC will host August 15th to August 29th.

All summer services will be online with the hope that we may return to in-person
worship in the fall.

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