

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

10:30 am

Eighth 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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (arr. Lloyd Larson)

J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mhairi Godley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

"I am the Light of the World."

CHORAL INTROIT

This Is the Day MV 122 (arr. J.-C. Coolen)

Junior-Youth Choir

Wendy Simone, Junior-Youth Choir director/video editor

J.-C. Coolen, piano/audio editor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peter Chynoweth

Come.

Come softly.

Come singing with exuberance.

Come sorrowing or rejoicing.

Come prayer-filled and in wonder.

Come now.

Come worship, you, whom God made for love.

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OPENING HYMN *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

VU 245

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniowski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
 praise the Lord in the time of joy,
 praise the Lord every moment,
 nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
 praise the Lord in your work or play,
 praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

HONOURING NICHOLAS GRYNIEWSKI

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 136**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Forever and A Day* (Patti Drennan)
 Senior Choir
 Susanna McCleary, violin
 J.-C. Coolen, Senior Choir director/piano/audio editor
 Wendy Simone, video editor
 Gord Burrell, additional audio recording
 Rod Lord, additional video recording

SERMON *God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever* Rev. Maya Douglas

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN *When in Our Music God is Glorified* VU 533
 (cantor vs 1, congregation+cantor vs 1-5)
 Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 When in our music God is glorified,
 and adoration leaves no room for pride,

it is as though the whole creation cried
Hallelujah!

2 How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Hallelujah!

3 So has the church in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Hallelujah!

4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Hallelujah!

5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Hallelujah!

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING *If I Sing* (David Shire)
Nicholas Gryniowski, baritone
J.-C. Coolen, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* **VU 651**
Cantor: Nicholas Gryniowski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but thou art mighty,
 hold me with thy powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me till I want no more,
 feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee,
 I will ever give to thee.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Descant: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

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 *Sing Praise to God* (arr. Faye López)
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

Mhairi Godley, Presider

Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Wendy Simone, Junior-Youth Choir Director

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

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

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NEXT WEEK: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, July 25, 2021.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 11.1-15; John 6.1-21; Ephesians 3.14-21.

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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=S1lJakFPSnM5UEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09Using>

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724

Passcode: 555637

OR

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

+1 647 558 0588 Canada +1 647 374 4685 Canada

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724 Passcode: 555637

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Rev. Maya Douglas is now doing in-person pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit from her, please send her an email at revmaya.douglas@gmail.com. If you do not have email, you may give her a call and request a visit.

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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 Gryniowski, 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/4fQBJduqZAA>

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>.

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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

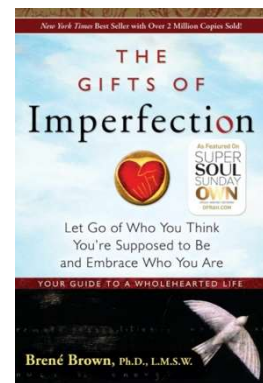
July 21 - Guidepost #4 - Guidepost #5

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:

Richview UC will host July 25th to August 8th. A Zoom link will be provided for anyone interested in participating in worship during these three weeks.

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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NOTICE OF VACATION:

Rev. Maya Douglas will be on holiday from August 9 to 29. During this time, if there is a pastoral emergency, Rev. Brian McIntosh is available. He can be reached at Bloordale UC at 416-621-1710 or by cell phone at 416-817-2606.

Our Office Administrator, Matty DeCarolis, will be on holidays July 26-30 & August 16-20. Our office will be closed during these dates.

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MINI-RECITAL

Nicholas Gryniewski, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

Stars from *Les Misérables*

Claude-Michel Schönberg (b. 1944)

From the musical *Les Misérables*. Javert is hunting down the man Jean Vajeau who in his eyes is a criminal. Throughout this song he demonstrates his determination and frustration for this man who has eluded him for many years.

Almost Like Being in Love from *Brigadoon*

Frederick Loewe (1901-1988)

This married New Yorker named Tommy Albright has been transported to this new and magical place called Brigadoon which only appears every 100 years. There he meets a lovely woman named Fiona and begins to fall in love with her. Throughout this song he is just starting to realize this fact.