

# St James United Church

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**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**

**10:30 am**

## **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Welcome!**

*We are glad you have joined us in worship.  
May you feel the warmth of God's presence.*

***Our Mission:***

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

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## **WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD**

\***Bold** indicates words said by **All**

**PRELUDE**     ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

(arr. Lloyd Larson)

J.-C. Coolen, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alex Grant-Henderson

**CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING**

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

**"I am the Light of the World."**

**OPENING HYMN**     ***Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above***

(cantor vs 1, congregation+cantor vs 1-4) **VU 216**

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Organ: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty power hath made,  
God's gracious mercy keepeth:  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
within the shelter of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!
- 3 Our God is never far away,  
but through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
as with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!
- 4 Thus all my gladsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in your God, my heart!

Both soul and body take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we give you thanks for today!

**We give you thanks for all the goodness  
that the summer promises us.**

**For the flowers and the sunshine,  
for the rainstorms and the honeybees.**

We pause now

**to worship you, O God.**

Called to love you with all our hearts,

**with all our souls, with all our minds,  
and with all our strength;**

**we are mindful that we've fallen short.**

**We've withheld our love when it was needed  
the most, we've been fearful.**

Our minds and our bodies are tired, O Lord!

With your grace,

**help us, empower us, embolden us,  
but comfort us, we pray.**

As we worship here,

**gather us in with your love,  
to be present in this moment with you.**

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

***Let the Bright Seraphim from Samson***

(George Frideric Handel)

Anna Wojcik, soprano

J.-C. Coolen, piano

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF WONDER

Sharing a Story

#### *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

**MV 85**

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Take, O take me as I am;  
 summon out what I shall be;  
 Set your seal upon my heart  
 and live in me.

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### SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 8.1-12

### SERMON

*Hush*

Rev. Maya Douglas

### SERMON HYMN

*O for a World*

**VU 697**

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 O for a world where everyone  
 respects each other's ways,  
 where love is lived and all is done  
 with justice and with praise.
  
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared  
 and misery relieved,  
 where truth is spoken, children spared,  
 equality achieved.

- 3 We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.
- 5 O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

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## **HONOURING ANNA**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**     ***River in Judea*** (arr. John Leavitt)  
Senior Choir  
J.-C. Coolen, Senior Choir director/  
piano/audio+video editor  
Gord Burrell and Gwen Mills, audio recording  
Don Munday, video recording

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN**     ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***     **VU 651**

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist  
 Organ: 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**

Rachel Clark

May I remind you that wherever we are,  
 in the sanctuary or watching from home,  
**we are the church.**

And wherever you are,  
 may you feel God's love to the left of you and the right of you,  
 In front of you and behind you  
 Above you and below you  
 Within you and within everyone you meet  
 Now and always.

**Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

***Prayer of Dedication***

(Don Besig/Nancy Price)

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Organ: 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**

***Sinfonia from Solomon***

(George Frideric Handel, arr. E. W. Maynard)

J.-C. Coolen, organ

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Giving leadership in today's service:

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

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Alex Grant-Henderson, Presider

St. James' Senior Choir

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Gwen Mills, Don Munday, Andrew Paley, Mary Paras.

God bless our greeter: Karen Munday, and our ushers: James Ankrah, Regina Ankrah, Tony Gray, and Marie Truelove.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome our friends from Bloordale & Richview United Churches** who are worshipping with us this morning! We will continue to worship together at Richview UC next week.

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**Our Nursery is staffed** this Sunday for any families with infants and preschool children.

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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, dropped off in the church mail slot at the front doors, or dropped off to the church office.

You can also donate by e-transfer to [stjames\\_uc@rogers.com](mailto:stjames_uc@rogers.com), or on our website at <https://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/giving/>

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We've posted a new episode in our series of YouTube videos to help introduce a new congregational song, **VU 216 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above.** You may view it at [https://youtu.be/965PI\\_2mIOY](https://youtu.be/965PI_2mIOY). You can also view the full list of videos in the following YouTube playlist, here: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAJK9oS\\_p-](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAJK9oS_p-)

[11YIU1lv5jhBpuDxk50H64p](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11YIU1lv5jhBpuDxk50H64p) Please feel free to enjoy and review these introductory videos as much as you desire, and do feel free to sing along! If you'd like to receive automatic notifications whenever we release a new video, directly to the bottom right of the YouTube video window, click on the red Subscribe button, then click on the Notifications bell.

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**Sunday School** will resume in the Fall. The **Sunday School Kick-off** and **Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place on **Sunday, September 18th**.

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Our **Bible Study** group will resume on **Monday, September 12th at 1pm** on Zoom. New members are welcome! Come join us; all you need are questions and curiosity, as well as any version of the Bible in any language (except the Good News Bible). The meeting code is as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87231297360?pwd=NzVubjZnbjZsUEdmRG84MzFPaTZlQT09>

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**St. James is planning an online auction for the fall!** If you would like to join the committee, please let Marie Truelove know ([marietr@rogers.com](mailto:marietr@rogers.com)). We hope everyone will help – we need gift cards and event tickets as well as other items to auction off. Please spend some time this summer with your contacts!

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**Alto Choral Lead/Soloist Position Available** - We are looking for a candidate to succeed Renee Fajardo as our Alto Choral Lead/Soloist. If you know of a potential candidate, or if you know of someone who might know of potential candidates, please share with them the position job description, found here:

<http://stjamesunitedchurch.jccoolen.ca/Position%20Description%20>

[-%20Section%20Lead%2BSoloist%20-%20Alto%20%282022-04-12%29.pdf](#) Thank you!

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### **FUTURE SERVICES:**

**Richview UC will host the summer services on July 24, 31, and Aug 7 at 10:30 a.m.** Richview United Church is at 149 Wellesworth Drive.

**Bloordale UC will host the summer services on Aug 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m.** Bloordale United Church is at 4258 Bloor Street West.

**September 4, 2022** is our first Sunday back! It will be **Creation Time** and that Sunday's theme is the **Ocean**.

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### **NOTICE OF VACATION:**

**Our Office Administrator**, Matty DeCarolis will be on holidays July 25-29, August 1-5 and August 22 -26. The church office will be closed during these dates.

The **Rev. Maya's summer vacation** is from **August 8th to August 29th**. Aside from the weeks of vacation, Rev. Maya is visiting as many of the St. James UC's congregants during the summer regardless of need. It's time we meet! Will you welcome a visit from Rev. Maya? Listen out for a call, or feel free to call or email her if you have a preferred time in mind. Have an enjoyable and safe summer!