

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Easter 4

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.**

GATHERING

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

❖ Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit

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| PRELUDE | The Servant Song | Adrian Marchuk - organ |
| GATHERING SONG | Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty | VU 315 v.1,4 |
| LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | | |
| WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Mhairi Godley |
| CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING | | |
| INVITATION TO WORSHIP | | |
| OPENING PRAYER | | |
| PASSING OF THE PEACE | Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! | MV 121 |
| ❖ GATHERING HYMN | Spirit, Open My Heart | MV 79 |
| TIME WITH YOUNGER GENERATION | | |
| THE PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG) | | |
| CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL | This Little Light of Mine | |
| DISCERNING | | |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 2:18-28 | Mhairi Godley |

ANTHEM Wind Of Change (The Scorpions) Kit Cooney and Gabe Vaillant
FAITH TALK “It always seems impossible until it is done,” Rev. Richard C. Choe
said Nelson Mandela”

RESPONDING

❖ **HYMN** Build a Longer Table TLUS 22

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS The Times They Are A-Changin’ Adrian Marchuk
music and lyrics by Bob Dylan

❖ **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

❖ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE Where Two or Three Are Gathered MV 14

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** I Danced in the Morning VU 352

SCATTERING

❖ **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

❖ **SUNG BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE The Times They Are A-Changin’ Adrian Marchuk - organ

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Presider: Mhairi Godley

Music Director: Adrian Marchuk

Section Leads/Soloists: Phil Rogalsky, Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant, Astrid Atherly

Reader: Mhairi Godley

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras

Greeters: Carol Jones, Al Graham

Ushers: Christine Paley (Captain), Brenda Beaton, John Beaton

Hospitality: Barb Gladden (L), Janet Van Melle, Albert Conforzi, James & Regina Ankrah

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NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:30 AM – 5th Sunday of Easter. Mental Health Sunday.

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 10:30 AM – 6th Sunday of Easter. Christian Family Sunday.
Rural Life (Rogation) Sunday.

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 10:30 AM – 7th Sunday of Easter. International Day against
Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each week, the Shining Waters Regional Council asks that we pray for each other's congregations in support of our ministries: Fraserburg United Church, Bracebridge; Humbercrest United Church, Toronto; Temperanceville United Church, Richmond Hill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT TO MARCH 31, 2026

| | JAN TO MAR 2026 | JAN TO MAR 2025 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL CONGREG. SUPPORT | \$ 41,233 | \$ 42,460 |
| FUNDRAISING | \$ 11,192 | \$ 280 |
| TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | \$ 57,562 | \$ 21,835 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$117,266 | \$ 72,828 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 92,275 | \$103,870 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 24,991 | \$ -31,042 |

Our rental income has grown substantially since early 2025. Our fundraising so far has been money from OLG (Delta Bingo and Gaming), but the Browse and Buy sale and the Choir fundraiser will soon add to it. Our expenses will also rise, since Rev. Choe has returned to us. Our budgeted net income for the year is \$7,968.

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Transition Team Coffee Discussion Today in the Lounge: Pie Chart

Transition Team invites you to bring your coffee for our discussion in the lounge. We will be sharing how some ministers divide their time vs how YOU perceive the ministers divide their workload in the form of a pie chart. All are welcome to this interactive event. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail us at: sjutransitionteam@gmail.com.

Tickets for this year's St. James Choir fundraiser, SONGS OF COURAGE & FAITH, are available for purchase after the service! Cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. This includes a delicious catered lunch, followed by a concert on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Lunch will be served directly after the church service and the concert will begin at 1:00 pm. If you are unable to join us for lunch, you can purchase a ticket for the concert only for \$25. This year's concert will feature a guest appearance by Jeff Madden, of Jersey Boys fame, as well as a number of our very own St. James exceptional musicians. You won't want to miss this joyful afternoon of hope-filled, inspirational songs!

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Saturday, May 23 is the day to participate in a fun & exciting Saturday afternoon with your family and friends from St. James! Pick a team name and join us at 2 pm for a trivia car rally, scavenger hunt, and 5 pm lasagna dinner at Jennifer & Scott's in lovely Hillsburgh - only about 1 hour from the church. Tickets for adults (including the dinner and dessert) will be only \$20/person, children 3-12 are \$5, and youth are \$10. Please let us know if you are vegetarian or gluten-free. Tickets are on sale today after church!

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We are pleased to announce that hands on Reiki is available by donation on Monday afternoons from 1-3 pm, as well as Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the binder in the Well-Being waiting room or call the office at 416-622-4113 and book with Matty.

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Our next Euchre date is: Tuesday, April 28 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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Yoga: Wednesdays at 11 am, \$25/class for drop in.

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Yoga Saturdays: Are you looking to improve your mobility, balance and muscle strength? Do you want to ease those aches and pains? Consider joining our restorative, gentle yoga class, held on Saturdays at 10:00 am in the lounge. Drop-in cost is \$25. Yogis of all ability or experience are welcome! Please contact Joyce Wilson at 647-221-8514 or joy.wil31@gmail.com if you would like more information.

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TRU-Earth - <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/stjamesunitedchurch>

Support the earth and St. James. April 15 to 30

SAVE 22% on everything! Use the PROMO CODE EARTHDAY22 at checkout.

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Stewardship Second: Stewards live God's dream of a community of people who truly look after one another.

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