

St. James United Church

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

10:30 am

Easter 2

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.

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

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

❖ Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit

🎵 Indicates a new tune or hymn

PRELUDE ***Thou Shalt Bring Them In*** (George F. Handel, ed. Diane Bish)
J.-C. Coolen, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mhairi Godley

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

I light this candle for ...

I am a child of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be the church.

We come to learn from the lessons Jesus taught.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord, help me to pray as my Muslim siblings taught me:

“How do I make this crooked path straight again?”

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Amen.

“Lord Help Me to Pray,” Cláudio Carvalhaes, *Liturgies from Below*, p. 223.

CHILDREN'S HYMN

Come, Children, Join to Sing

VU 345

verse 1

1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

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TIME WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Children, Join to Sing

VU 345

verse 2

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

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CHORAL ANTHEM

My Peace I Leave with You (arr. Lon Beery)
 Alison Haines, soprano
 Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32–35

FAITH TALK

Eileen McAuley

RESPONDING TO GOD**❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Let There Be Light

VU 679

- 1 Let there be light,
 let there be understanding,
 let all the nations gather,
 let them be face to face;
- 2 open our lips,
 open our minds to ponder,
 open the door of concord
 opening into grace;
- 3 perish the sword,
 perish the angry judgement,
 perish the bombs and hunger,
 perish the fight for gain;
- 4 hallow our love,
 hallow the deaths of martyrs,
 hallow their holy freedom,
 hallowed be your name;
- 5 your kingdom come,
 your spirit turn to language,
 your people speak together,
 your spirit never fade;
- 6 let there be light;
 open our hearts to wonder,
 perish the way of terror,
 hallow the world God made.

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sing for Joy, Dance with Delight* (Eugene Butler)
Chancel Choir

❖ **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *We Praise You, O God*

VU 218
vs. 1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

O God of life and love and peace,
We witness the violence and injustice in your Holy Land
And our hearts break.

**Our hearts break for the people of Israel—
For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas
For those who live with fear and insecurity
For those who suffer from the inter-generational trauma of violence.**

Our hearts break for Palestinians—
For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli military
For those being denied water, electricity and medical care
For those who are refugees, long displaced from their homes.

**We especially pray—
That weapons of war be laid down
That walls of separation be dismantled
That prisoners be released
That demonizing of “the other” cease
That political leaders seek the good of all people in Palestine and Israel.**

O God, whose heart breaks for the world,

**May your justice dwell in the land
 May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields
 May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust forever
 May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.**

Amen.

Mennonite Central Committee, Canada

❖ CLOSING HYMN

***One More Step Along the World I Go* VU 639
*vs. 1, 2, 3, and 4***

1 One more step along the world I go,
 one more step along the world I go,
 from the old things to the new,
 keep me travelling along with you:

*Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;
 keep me travelling along with you.*

2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
 more and more about the world I learn;
 all the new things that I see
 you'll be looking at along with me: R

3 As I travel through the bad and good,
 keep me travelling the way I should;
 where I see no way to go
 you'll be telling me the way, I know: R

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
 keep me loving though the world is tough,
 leap and sing in all I do,
 keep me travelling along with you: R

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❖ BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

***Go, Make a Difference* MV 209
*Refrain only***

*Refrain: Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. (x2)*

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POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* (arr. Mark Hayes)

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Eileen McAuley

Rev. Richard C. Choe, Intentional Interim Minister

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Alison Haines, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist Supply

Amanda Weatherall, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist Supply

Lowell Selorio, Tenor Choral Lead/Soloist Supply

Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

St. James Senior Choir

St. James Chancel Choir

Mhairi Godley, Presider

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Mary Paras, Tashi Wooser.

God bless our greeter: Nancy and Aldo Violo, and our usher captain: Christine Paley and usher team: Brenda Beaton, John Beaton, Phyl Hampshire, Elizabeth Leigh, as well as those providing hospitality after the service.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

Sunday, April 14 – Third Sunday after Easter

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b–48

Jesus invites the disciples to touch his hands and feet.

Preacher: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday after Easter

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Preacher: Rev. Tom Watson

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Easter

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32–35

Theme: Being in Community
 Faith Talk with members of the Transition Team

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

- Monday Reiki at 1pm - 3pm in Well Being Room, Sign-up in the binder or call Matty at 416-622-4113 to book.
- Tuesday Euchre at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.
 Reiki at 7 pm in Well Being Room, Sign-up in the binder or call Matty at 416-622-4113 to book.
- Wednesday Yoga at 10:45am - 11:45am in Lounge \$20/session for unregistered participants.
- Thursday Senior Choir at 7:15pm in Sanctuary
 Chancel Choir at 9:00pm in Sanctuary
 For more information, contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or jccoolen@sympatico.ca
- Saturday Browse & Buy Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't miss it!
 Details in announcements.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Browse and Buy** sale is almost here -- Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. At our table in Fellowship Hall, please pick up posters to post in your building or nearby stores. **Please pick up containers for your home baking! We need all donations at the church by Friday at 6 p.m.** Please sign up to volunteer for the sale!

Donations still needed – bring to the SW corner of the Lounge. **We are also still in need of Jewelry** donations. Please bring them to Fellowship Hall TODAY or drop them off to the church office throughout the week.

Help us fill the truck! Home Depot has donated a rental van (in our parking lot) for two weeks so that we can fill it with clothing donations for our

FUNDrive! You can drop off items after church today, or at any of the following times: Tuesday April 9th 6-7pm, Thursday April 11th, 7 - 8pm, or Saturday April 13th (during the Browse and Buy Sale) from 10am - 1pm. Note that April 13th is the last chance to bring in donations of reusable clothing and textile items. The truck is making its delivery at 1:30pm. Please pick up a flyer and deliver it to neighbours!

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Tickets for the much anticipated St James Choir fundraiser, SOUNDS OF SPRING, will be on sale today after the service! Cost is \$35 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under and this includes a delicious catered lunch, followed by a concert on Sunday, May 5th. You won't want to miss this joyful afternoon!

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Financial Update to the end of February:

Total Income in the General Fund	\$44,584
Total Expenses	\$74,372
Shortfall	(\$29, 788)

Note that this does not include funds from the TruEarth or Faith for the Future fundraisers.

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Our new fundraising campaign is Faith for the Future. To April 3rd, **\$8,300** has been contributed! These funds will offset the projected 2024 operating deficit of over \$83,000 and save funds for a major heating repair. Our target is \$100,000.

How to Give?

1. **Cheque** made out to St. James United Church. Drop off at the church office or mail your cheque to St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke, Ontario, M9B 2A8
2. **E-transfer** from your bank to St. James United Church. Simply log in to your bank account and select "e-mail money" or "e-transfer." Follow the simple step-by-step prompts to direct your gift to stjames_uc@rogers.com. Use security question **Campaign** with password answer as **Faith**
3. **PayPal**. From the Givings page on the St. James website [giving — St. James United Church \(stjamesunitedchurch.com\)](http://giving---St.JamesUnitedChurch.stjamesunitedchurch.com), press the Donate via PayPal button to start the process. Donations go directly to St. James.
4. **Collection Envelope** – Indicate 'Faith for the Future' on the envelope

5. **Stock Transfer** – please contact St. James office or Don Munday for more information on this option.

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If you would like to participate in worship by lighting the Christ Candle please speak to Rev. Richard C. Choe or Matty in the church office at 416-622-4113 or at stjames_uc@rogers.com. Thank you.

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TruEarth Fundraiser - Earn commission for St. James. Earth-friendly products, with Free delivery anywhere in Canada. Here is your fundraising link to share <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/stjamesunitedchurch>

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