

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

Summer Joint Service with Richview United Church

Pentecost 7

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

PRELUDE Prière No. 3 (Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens) Adrian Marchuk - organ

GATHERING SONG What Does the Lord Require of You VU 701

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Grant=Henderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **GATHERING HYMN** God of the Sparrow VU 229

PASSING OF THE PEACE We Are Family (Sister Sledge)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

PRAYER OF JESUS (SPOKEN)

SOLO The Sower's Song (By Shpendi Zenki) Kit Cooney, Adrian Marchuk

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1–9 Alex Grant-Henderson

FAITH TALK "Times of fruitfulness" Rev. Richard C. Choe

RESPONDING

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** Soil of God, You and I MV 174

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS Lord, Speak To Me (by Jacob Moon) Adrian Marchuk

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

❖ **OFFERTORY PRAYER****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

SUNG RESPONSE Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299

SCATTERING❖ **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

❖ **SUNG BENEDICTION** Prayer Of Dedication

POSTLUDE God of the Sparrow Adrian Marchuk - organ

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Giving leadership in today's service:
Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe
Presider: Alex Grant-Henderson
Music Director: Adrian Marchuk
Section Lead/Soloist: Kit Cooney
Reader: Alex Grant-Henderson
Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras
Greeters: Sylvie Ty, Patrick Ty
Ushers: Tony Gray (Captain), James Ankrah
Hospitality: Jennifer Gray (L)

SUMMER SERVICES:

Sunday Worship Services in July will be at 10:30 a.m. here at St. James. We will be joined by our friends from Richview United Church.

Sunday Worship Services in August will be at 10:30 a.m. with our friends at **Richview United Church**, located at 149 Wellesworth Dr. Etobicoke, ON M9C 4R8.

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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: Trinity United Church, Newmarket; Saint Luke's United Church, Toronto; St. James United Church, Etobicoke; Royal York Road United Church, Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We give a warm welcome to our friends from Richview United Church who are joining us for worship this morning.

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A Celebration of Life Service will be held in honour of David ("Dave") Maw on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 11 am here at St. James United Church. The service will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. To read David's obituary, please visit:

[Obituary information for David Russell Maw](#)

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Update on the Search for a New Minister: The Transition Team will soon forward a list of names of people who have agreed to be on the Search Team to the Unified Board. The Unified Board will hold a meeting on Zoom in mid-July to vote on approving the list of names for the Search Team. Then, there must be a congregational meeting for final approval of the names. According to our Constitution, notice of 8 days including 2 Sundays is required for a Congregational Meeting; we will try to schedule this on Zoom before the end of July. Once the Search Team is approved, a representative of Shining Waters Region, who has been assigned to us, will train the Search Committee.

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HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN July: We need volunteers to serve cold beverages & cookies after the services on July 19, and July 26. Please sign the volunteer list in the front hallway or call Eleanor at 416-234-1365, or email b_eharris@hotmail.com) if you are available.

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Richard and Alyssa Lindsay will be hosting A Get-Together For Shirley Kozel - Open House & Garden: Sunday July 26, 2026, 1-4 PM, at 23 Shaver Ave S, Etobicoke, ON. RSVP: <https://evite.me/3N5kgHkGcY> (not strictly required, but helps planning). Everyone is invited to join for an afternoon of stories, games, laughter, refreshments and gratitude to remember and celebrate Shirley's life and love. They encourage everyone to wear bright colours and to bring something (a memory, photo, object, snack, song, game etc.) that reminds you of Shirley.

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Upcoming Book Study

Book: *The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt

Dates: Mondays, October 19 and 26, and November 2 and 9, 2026

Time: 7:00–9:00 pm.

Format: Zoom

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SAVE THE DATE! Our St. James Dinner, Silent Auction, and Live Auction will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Mark your calendars now and start thinking about friends and family you can invite! This year, we're simplifying the auction by focusing on gift cards/certificates to local businesses as well as live auction items and experiences. If you have connections with local restaurants, spas, salons, shops, theatres, sporting venues, or other businesses, please consider requesting a donation. Generic request letters (including our charity number) are available in the Auction Mail Slot in the hall for you to take when visiting a business. Thank you for helping make this event a success!