

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

Pentecost 8

Summer Joint Service with Richview United Church

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	Prelude #1 in C Major (J.S. Bach)	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 Bible	MV 28
PASSING OF THE PEACE	We Are Family (Sister Sledge)	
TIME WITH THE YOUNG		

PRAYER OF JESUS (SPOKEN)

SOLO This Land Is Your Land (Music and lyrics by Pete Seeger) Adrian Marchuk
 Canadian refrain by The Travellers

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10–19a Alex Grant-Henderson

FAITH TALK “Dreaming into future possibilities” Rev. Richard C. Choe

RESPONDING

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** In the Bulb There Is a Flower VU 703

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS Laughing With God (by Regina Specktor) Kit Cooney

❖ **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** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

SCATTERING❖ **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH****BLESSING THAT MEETS YOU IN LOVE**

❖ **SUNG BENEDICTION** Prayer Of Dedication

POSTLUDE This Land Is Your Land 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 Leads/Soloists: Kit Cooney
 Reader: Alex Grant-Henderson
 Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras
 Greeter: Carol Jones
 Ushers: Christine Paley (Captain), Phyl Hampshire, Elizabeth Leigh
 Hospitality: Eleanor Harris (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: Fairlawn Avenue United Church, Toronto; Trinity-St. Paul's United Church, Toronto; Toronto Urban Native Ministry; Trillium United Church, Caledon.

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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The congregation (members and adherents) are invited to a short Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 29 at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Search Team for a new Minister.

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Birthdays: If you would like your birthday or special anniversary recognized by our community, please let the office know (416-622-4113) the day and month. The year of birth is optional.

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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. 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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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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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!