

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

Summer Joint Service with Richview United Church

Pentecost 6

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 Pastoral (By Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens) Adrian Marchuk - organ

GATHERING SONG What Does the Lord Require of You VU 701

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Karen Munday

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **GATHERING HYMN** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

PASSING OF THE PEACE We Are Family (Sister Sledge)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG**PRAYER OF JESUS (SPOKEN)**

SOLO As The Deer (based on Psalm 42) Kit Cooney,
 words and music by Martin Nystrom Adrian Marchuk

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Karen Munday

FAITH TALK Love Expressed In And Through Us Rev. Richard C. Choe

RESPONDING

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** As We Are TLUS 32

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS Jesus, Lover Of My Soul 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** We Are One In The Spirit

SCATTERING❖ **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

❖ **SUNG BENEDICTION** Prayer Of Dedication

POSTLUDE Jesus, Lover Of My Soul Adrian Marchuk - organ

Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe
 Presider: Karen Munday
 Music Director: Adrian Marchuk
 Section Lead/Soloist: Kit Cooney
 Reader: Karen Munday
 Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras
 Greeters: Eleanor & Bob Harris
 Ushers: Marie Truelove (Captain), Eleanor Harris, Bob Harris
 Hospitality: Carol Jones, Lila Bowen

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, Huntsville; Saint Luke's United Church, Toronto; St. James United Church, Etobicoke; Northlea United Church, Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: St. James is hosting the joint summer services with Richview United Church for the Sundays in July. We need volunteers to serve cold beverages & cookies after the services on July 12, 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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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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Saturday yoga has finished for the summer. Classes will resume on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 am in the lounge.

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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!