

# Order of Service

## St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

*Last Sunday in Lent  
Palm/Passion Sunday*

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.

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### GATHERING

*Bold indicates words said by All*

*❖ Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

Vida La Vida (Coldplay)

Adrian Marchuk - piano  
Kit Cooney - solo

CALL TO WORSHIP

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

❖ SONG

We Are Marching

VU 646

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mhairi Godley

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

SONG

Get Out (*Chvrches*)

JESUS TEACHES THE CROWDS HOW TO LOVE

SOLO

Forever Young  
music and lyrics by Bob Dylan

Astrid Atherly

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION

PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)



## 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: Uganda Martyrs United Church, Toronto; Rosedale United Church, Toronto; Parkdale United Church, Toronto.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you to our Pen Pals** (both adults and students) who have been writing letters!

We will expect an exchange of letters TODAY, March 29, and then it will be time for the "reveal" on Easter Sunday. NOTE that letters should be dropped off in the pink mail box in the church office (labelled only with the pen pal letter or number....no names please!) You can check there on a Sunday after church to see if you have received a new letter! You might get a surprise! 😊

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**Lenten Small Group Sign-Up:** Come and get to know others in our church over discussion and desserts for 1 more week! You are invited to reflect, question, and grow in faith through the discussion of selected TED Talks (12-20 minutes) that connect Christian discipleship with everyday life. A "spiritual practice for the week" will also be suggested to help us try new practices during Lent. Tuesday evening from 7-8:15 pm on March 31, and held at the home of Karen Forgrave (Rathburn/Renforth).

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**Here From The Beginning:** A celebration of faith, history, community, and the United Church of Canada. This Exhibition shines a light on the stories, experiences, and contributions of Black people within the church, bringing forward voices that have not always been given the space they deserve. You can view the Exhibit in person at Islington United Church, April 8-16, 2026. For more information please visit their website at <https://islingtonunited.org/>

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**Drop off items for Browse and Buy!** We are now collecting **items for Browse and Buy, Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** You can drop off items in the SW corner of the Lounge: paperback books in good condition, puzzles, games, and toys (no stuffed animals); children's books; new or nearly new collectibles or attic treasures. Jewelry donations should be brought to the church office. We also sell purses and scarves!

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**While you are "spring cleaning", remember to BAG UP and save items to bring to church for our FUNdrive.** Soft goods include clothes, shoes, purses, backpacks, hats and other accessories, as well as household linens (curtains, bedding, towels, etc.). You will be helping the church and the environment at the same time! All items must be in good condition for resale. Please save them at home for now... there will be drop-off dates in early April!

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**We are pleased to announce that hands on Reiki** is available 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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**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](mailto:joy.wil31@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

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**🌐 Earth Month Promotions - <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/stjamesunitedchurch>**

**Week 1 — April 1–7: Buy More, Save More!**

Supporters can save more as they add more to their cart, with discounts **up to 30% off**. This is a great week to encourage stocking up.

**Week 2 — April 8–14: Spend More, Save More!**

Savings increase based on cart total, with discounts ranging from **10% to 30% off**. The higher the spend, the bigger the savings.

**Week 3 — April 15–30: Save 22% Site-wide**

Supporters can enjoy **22% off everything** when they use **Promo Code: EARTHDAY22** at checkout.

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**Tickets for this year's St. James Choir fundraiser, SONGS OF COURAGE & FAITH**, will go on sale today 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 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 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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**Stewardship Second:** Stewardship is a spiritual practice. How do we share our abundance to prepare the way for Jesus?

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**If you wear snow boots to church** or if your shoes get wet before you enter the building, please bring a dry pair of shoes to change into once inside. This will help save our floors and rugs. Thank you.

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**Notification Process in case a Worship Service Needs to be Cancelled:** If a Worship Service needs to be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or a power outage, the congregation will be notified as follows: The decision to cancel a Service will be made hopefully Saturday and the Email Network will be activated. A message will be put on the website as well. If the decision cannot be made until Sunday morning, the Email Network will be started no later than 8:00 am. Please ensure that you are on the Email Network list in order to receive notification.

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