

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Easter 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	Lied ohne Worte (Sadler) (Song Without Words)	Jacqueline Sadler - organ
GATHERING SONG	Our God Goes With Us	TLUS 113
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Karen Munday
CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING		
INVITATION TO WORSHIP		
OPENING PRAYER		
PASSING OF THE PEACE	We Are All One People	MV 141
❖ GATHERING HYMN	It's a Song of Praise to the Maker	MV 30
TIME WITH YOUNGER GENERATION		
THE PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)		
DISCERNING		
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 68 (VU pg. 787)	Rev. Richard C. Choe Karen Munday

NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 10:30 AM – Day of Pentecost. Holy Communion.

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 10:30 AM – Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. Pride Sunday.
Environment Sunday. Union Sunday.

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: Wesley Mimico United Church, Toronto; Georgina Island Native Church; Ebenezer United Church, Midland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome back Jacqueline Sadler as our guest Music Director. The prelude today is adapted for organ from Jacqueline's new album of meditative piano music *RADIYOGA, vol. 1*. If you'd like to give it a listen, *RADIYOGA* is available wherever you stream your music.

Composed & performed by Jacqueline, it was created for her radio show of the same name, airing on Northumberland 89.7FM on Sundays at 1:30pm. It is a 30-minute program of movement, music, and mindfulness.

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Aldo and Nancy Violo are pleased to announce the birth of their grandchild Isabelle on May 11th. Proud parents are Dylan and Rachel. Felicità!!

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May 24 Transition Update Meeting, after church in the Lounge. We will work together to update our Living Faith Story which gets posted on the Church Hub Website.

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There will be NO Sunday School this weekend because it is the long weekend, and most families are not going to be here. There will be colouring pages and puzzles in the narthex if anyone needs them.

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Our Outreach Offering will go to Sparrow Lake Camp. At a time when our young people face growing pressures from social media and declining mental health – camp gives kids an opportunity to learn to like themselves. Camp helps them to believe they can face the challenges that await them in a way no longer provided by much of their daily lives - through real, person-to-person connection and community. At Sparrow Lake Camp they are committed to being that place for generations to come. Should you wish to support Sparrow Lake Camp, please place your donation in a green and white Outreach Offering envelope. They are located on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

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Family Games Night is Friday, May 22 from 7-9 pm. This will be the last Family Games Night before the summer holidays! Be sure to mark it on your calendar!

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It's only 1 week away! Time to get ready for the Car Rally Event!

Step 1: Create a carload (can be 2-5+ people on a team...whatever fits in a vehicle, with seat belts!).

Step 2: Buy your tickets: \$20/adult, \$10/youth, \$5 for children 4-12. Get them after church!

Step 3: Create your team name - costumes welcomed and encouraged!

Step 4: Mark 2 pm on Saturday, May 23 on your calendar. Team departure times will be staggered, but the lasagna dinner will be served at 5pm at Jen and Scott's beautiful home in Hillsburgh. There will be prizes, delicious food, a fire pit (weather permitting) and outdoor games like badminton and crochet available too, for those who wish to partake!

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Our friends at St. George's on-the-Hill are participating in Doors Open Toronto again this year. They will be opening their doors to the public May 23 (10 am to 5 pm) and May 24 (12:30 to 5 pm). Guided tours will be offered both days. Come and learn about their 180-year history, the stories behind the stained-glass windows and about some of those buried in the cemetery. See how a pipe organ works or ring the steeple bell. Their talented musicians and singers will be putting on mini concerts at 1 pm both afternoons. Please invite your neighbours and friends to visit a building that has been an Etobicoke landmark since its doors first opened in 1847.

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We are pleased to announce that hands on Reiki is available by donation 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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Our next May Euchre date is: Tuesday, May 26 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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Yoga: Wednesdays from 11am - 12noon, \$25/class for drop in.

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Yoga Saturdays: Drop in cost is \$25/class. Yogis of all ability or experience are welcome! Please contact Joyce Wilson at joy.wil31@gmail.com if you would like more information.

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If you are in need of a wheelchair please let the office know at 416-622-4113, ext. 0, or by email at stjames_uc@rogers.com

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