

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

Pentecost Communion 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.**

GATHERING

Bold** indicates words said by **All

❖ Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE	Preludio Sopra Terra Beata Carlotta Ferrari, 2023	Adrian Marchuk - organ
GATHERING SONG	Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary	MV 18
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mhairi Godley Nancy Violo
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Live Announcement: An Invitation for Dialogue	
CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING		
INVITATION TO WORSHIP		
OPENING PRAYER		
❖ GATHERING HYMN	We Are One	VU 402
PASSING OF THE PEACE	This Is the Day	VU 412 v.1,4
COMMUNION HYMN	Eat This Bread and Never Hunger	VU 471
COMMUNION		

Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Presider: Mhairi Godley

Music Director: Adrian Marchuk

St. James Senior Choir

Section Leads/Soloists: Phil Rogalsky, Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant

Reader: Mhairi Godley

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: David DeCarolis, Mary Paras

Greeters: Roberta Brubacher, Phyl Hampshire

Ushers: Christine Paley (Captain), Brenda Beaton, John Beaton

Hospitality: Marg Arscott (Leader), Nancy Violo, Phyl Hampshire, Jean Spencer

NEXT SERVICES:

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.

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10:30 AM – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost.

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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: Stouffville United Church; Wesley United Church, Stouffville; North Bramalea United Church, Brampton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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News From The Pews deadline is TODAY; belated deadline Monday, May 25 at 7 pm.

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The congregation (members and adherents) are invited to a short meeting after church on Sunday, June 1. The purposes of the meeting are to accept the financial review provided by our auditor and to approve the proposed changes to our Constitution.

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Our friends at St. George's on-the-Hill are participating in Doors Open Toronto again this year. Their doors are open to the public TODAY, May 24 (12:30 to 5 pm). Guided tours will be offered. 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. 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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Stewardship Second: And here God does it again! Fire and wind and the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us! What radical generosity is this?

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