

# Order of Service

## St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

*Easter 5  
74th Anniversary Service*

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*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Hózhó (By Connor Chee)	Adrian Marchuk - organ
<b>GATHERING SONG</b>	Our God Goes With Us	TLUS 113
<b>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>		
<b>WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Rev. Richard C. Choe
<b>CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING</b>		
<b>INVITATION TO WORSHIP</b>		
<b>SMUDGING</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>		
<b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>	We Are All One People	MV 141
❖ <b>GATHERING HYMN</b>	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	VU 288
<b>THE PRAYER OF JESUS (SAID)</b>		

### DISCERNING

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Genesis 21:15-20	Rev. Richard C. Choe
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**ANTHEM**

United In Christ  
By Don Besig and Nancy Price

Senior Choir  
Albert Conforzi - trumpet

*This Anthem has been donated to the Chancel Choir in Loving Memory of Bev Jones  
by Dorothy & Carol Jones & Gord Burrell*

**FAITH TALK**

"Finding Hope and Faith in the Creator"

Nicole Joy-Fraser

**RESPONDING****❖HYMN**

Called by Earth and Sky

MV 135

**CALL FOR OFFERING****SONG OF THANKS**

Seeds  
Words and music by Julian Taylor

Adrian Marchuk

**❖OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

**❖OFFERTORY PRAYER****PASTORAL PRAYER****SUNG RESPONSE**

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

**❖CLOSING HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

**SCATTERING****❖BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH****❖SUNG BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Adrian Marchuk - organ

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Guest Minister: Nicole Joy-Fraser

Presider: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Music Director: Adrian Marchuk

St. James Senior Choir

Section Leads/Soloists: Phil Rogalsky, Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant, Astrid Atherly, Mich Anger

Guest Musician: Albert Conforzi

Reader: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: David DeCarolis, Mary Paras

Greeters: Nancy Violo, Aldo Violo

Ushers: Tony Gray (Acting Captain), Allister Graham, Jim Cormier, Nancy Cormier

Hospitality: Eleanor Harris (L), Brenda Beaton, John Beaton

**NEXT SERVICES:**

**Sunday, May 10, 2026, 10:30 AM** – 6th Sunday of Easter. Christian Family Sunday.  
Rural Life (Rogation) Sunday.

**Sunday, May 17, 2026, 10:30 AM** – 7th Sunday of Easter. International Day against  
Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

**Sunday, May 24, 2026, 10:30 AM** – Day of Pentecost

**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: Nobleton United Church; Humbervale United Church, Toronto; Roncesvalles United Church, Toronto.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome this morning Nicole Joy-Fraser, an award-winning multidisciplinary artist of mixed Nehiyaw, Tsaa'tine, Métis and Settler descent who was born in Vancouver and lovingly raised by her non-Indigenous parents in Mississauga. She has been storytelling for the stage and screen for over 25 years with professional engagements taking her across Turtle Island and beyond and has worked with many celebrated companies such as The Stratford Festival, The Shaw, Mirvish, Soulpepper, Theatre Aquarius, CBC, CBS, Telefilm and the BBC.

As a proud Bear clan member and 2Spirit matriarch, they now reside in the Onghuiaahra region where supporting each other through healing and the Indigenous arts continues to be a passion of theirs. Nicole is a second generation 60's scoop witness and inter-generational survivor and is grateful to be sharing their story and amplifying Indigenous ways of knowing throughout Southern Ontario and the Niagara region where she resides.

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**The day for the choir fundraiser, SONGS OF HOPE & COURAGE, is finally here!** Lunch will be served in the hall after today's service. At 1:00 pm we will move into the church for the concert. A limited number of tickets are still available for lunch/concert at \$40 for adults and \$15 for children. Entrance to the concert only is \$25.

If you have been moved by the exceptional music here at St James, we hope that you might consider making a special contribution, a Love Gift, in appreciation and thanksgiving. At the concert, we will have a special basket for your cash and cheque gifts. You could also e-transfer to: [stjames\\_uc@rogers.com](mailto:stjames_uc@rogers.com). Use the security question: fundraiser and then password/answer: choir

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**Saturday, May 23** is the day to participate in a fun & exciting Saturday afternoon with your family and friends from St. James! Pick a team name and join us at 2 pm for a trivia car rally, scavenger hunt, and 5 pm lasagna dinner at Jennifer & Scott's in lovely Hillsburgh - only about 1 hour from the church. Tickets for adults (including the dinner and dessert) will be only \$20/person, children 3-12 are \$5, and youth are \$10. Please let us know if you are vegetarian or gluten-free. Tickets are on sale today after church!

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**There are some new books** for adults, children, and tweens on the book cart! Come and check them out! 😊

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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 May Euchre dates are:** Tuesday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 26 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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The next 8-week session of Wednesday yoga starts this week, **Wednesday, May 6 and runs through Wednesday, June 24.** This will be the LAST session of yoga before the summer holidays! All classes take place from 11am - 12noon. You can pay in advance for a reduced rate of \$20/class, or \$160 for the 8-weeks. This is like getting 2 classes free over the pay-as-you-go rate of \$25/class. Payments can be made to me, [karen\\_forgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_forgrave@hotmail.com) or to Matty by cash or cheque in the church office on the day of the first class. Pay-as-you-go rates continue to be \$25/class, and all are welcome.

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**Yoga Saturdays:** Our final 8-week session of restorative, gentle yoga will begin on Saturday, May 9th at 10:00 am in the lounge. Drop in cost is \$25/class or you can pay ahead for the whole session at \$160 (\$20/class). Yogis of all ability or experience are welcome! Please contact Joyce Wilson at [joy.wil31@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stjames_uc@rogers.com)

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**Stewardship Second:** Amid the struggles of our lives, we can give thanks for God's abundant love.

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