

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, October 4, 2026

Creation Time 4

World 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	The Welcome Table (with Sweet By And By) Arr. by Joel Raney	Adrian Marchuk - organ
GATHERING SONG	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	VU 315
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS LIVE ANNOUNCEMENT		Karen Munday Karen Forgrave
CALL TO WORSHIP		
CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING		
OPENING PRAYER		
❖ GATHERING HYMN	We Are One	VU 402
PASSING OF THE PEACE	All I Really Need (Raffi Cavoukian)	
COMMUNION HYMN	As We Gather at Your Table	VU 457
COMMUNION		
SONGS DURING COMMUNION	Eat This Bread	VU 466

Come To Me (Christopher Grundy)

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (SAID)

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU 575 v.1

ANTHEM All Are Welcome at The Table Senior Choir
Words and music by Mary McDonald Chris Cawthray

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Karen Munday

FAITH TALK "Living Water" Rev. Richard C. Choe

SONG OF RESPONSE Ya Rabba Ssalami solo: Amy Holden
(God Of Peace And Justice) Senior Choir

RESPONDING

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** Build a Longer Table TLUS 22

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS Lean On Me Amy Holden, Kit Cooney
Music and lyrics by Bill Withers Gabe Vaillant
Chris Cawthray - drums

❖ **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

❖ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV 18

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

SCATTERING

❖ **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

❖ **SUNG BENEDICTION** Prayer Of Dedication

POSTLUDE Lean On Me Adrian Marchuk - organ

Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Presider: Karen Munday

Music Director: Adrian Marchuk

St. James Senior Choir

Section Leads/Soloists: Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant, Amy Holden

Guest Musician: Chris Cawthray

Reader: Karen Munday

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: Trinity Campbell, Mary Paras

Greeters: Corthay Family

Ushers: Tony Gray (Captain), James Ankrah, Regina Ankrah

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

NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 10:30 AM – 20th Sunday after Pentecost.
Thanksgiving Sunday.

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 10:30 AM – 21st Sunday after Pentecost.
World Food Sunday.

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 10:30 AM – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.
Peace Sunday.
Reformation Sunday.

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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: St. Paul's United Church, Scarborough; Manor Road United Church, Toronto; Bloor Street United Church, Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Offering: Indspire is a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for the long term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. Following in the spirit of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, St James chose this organization for our October outreach offering. More information can be found at <https://indspire.ca/>

St. James Food Basket Donations: We are collecting non-perishable food items for the St. James Food Basket. Please bring one item to the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, October 11. Donations will be collected from the pews by the Sunday School children who will bring them to the front of the sanctuary at the beginning of the service to donate the food.

Suggested items that the Food Basket always needs:

- canned fish
- canned or dry legumes (lentils, beans, chickpeas, etc.)
- cereal
- rice

- coffee and teas
- toiletry items (shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, etc.)

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Our October Euchre dates are: Tuesday, October 13 and Tuesday, October 27 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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Fall Yoga has started! Wednesdays from 11 am till 12 noon in the Lounge. Bring a new friend to Yoga and save \$5 off the first class for you and your friend! Cost is \$25 per class for drop in. You can pay in the office before your first class, or by e-transfer to karen_forgrave@hotmail.com

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The fall Saturday morning yoga session continues at 10 am in the Lounge. Pay by e-transfer to joy.wil31@gmail.com or cheque/cash at the first class. Alternatively, you can choose to pay as you go, \$25 per class. This restorative gentle yoga class is ideal for participants of all levels who want to increase strength, flexibility and balance.

For further information please contact Joyce Wilson at joy.wil31@gmail.com

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Let's work together for our second annual "Work Bee" or "Fall Clean-up Day"!

9am-12noon on Saturday, October 17th. You can come for part or all of the morning. Come in work clothes - there will be jobs for all ages and abilities, from dusting bookshelves to cleaning out drawers to putting labels on church library books! A mid-morning snack time will be included for all volunteers! There is a sign-up sheet on the hall table - you can let us know if you're coming, AND record any jobs that you've noticed need doing!

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Book Club: As a preliminary step in becoming an Affirming Church, Worship and Music will host a book study on *The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt. The book club will be held via Zoom on Mondays, October 19 & 26 and November 2 & 9, 2026 from 7-9 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway, or you may contact the office at 416-622-4113 if you wish to join. Copies of the book will be available for sale in the office at a cost of \$20.

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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!

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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 our office.

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In the October News From The Pews there is a LINK to Flat Jesus' Adventures. You need to **download** the newsletter to activate the link; if you just open it (preview) it won't work!