

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

Creation Time 2

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

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

This Is God's Wondrous World/
Concerning Hobbits
by Howard Shore

Adrian Marchuk - organ

GATHERING SONG

Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Live Announcement

Karen Munday
Jennifer Allin Heltcher & Karen Forgrave

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

❖ GATHERING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VU 288

PASSING OF THE PEACE

All I Really Need (Raffi Cavoukian)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	VU 575
ANTHEM	On Eagle's Wings (By Michael Joncas) Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner	Senior Choir

*This Anthem has been donated to the Chancel Choir
In Loving Memory of Lew Perkin by the Bond Family*

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING	Exodus 16:2-15	Karen Munday
FAITH TALK	"Questionnaire & When Our Real Communal Journey Begins"	Rev. Richard C. Choe

RESPONDING

❖HYMN OF RESPONSE	If Our God Had Simply Saved Us	VU 131 v.1,2,5,10,15
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CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS	Shir LaShalom / Let the Sun Shine In	Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant, Astrid Atherly, Adrian Marchuk
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❖OFFERTORY RESPONSE	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	VU 541
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❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE	We Shall Overcome (Traditional Spiritual)
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❖CLOSING HYMN	Walk with Me	VU 649
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SCATTERING

❖BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

❖SUNG BENEDICTION	Prayer Of Dedication
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POSTLUDE	Shir LaShalom Music by Yair Rosenblum	Adrian Marchuk - organ
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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, Astrid Atherly
 Reader: Karen Munday
 Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave
 Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras
 Greeters: Roberta Brubacher, Phyl Hampshire
 Ushers: Randy Wilson (Captain), Allister Graham, Jim Cormier, Nancy Cormier
 Hospitality: Joanne Atkins (L), Lila Bowen, Christine Paley, Eileen McAuley

NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:30 AM – 18th Sunday after Pentecost.
 Orange Shirt Sunday.

Guest minister: Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss. We will be commemorating National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th) by wearing orange shirts to signify "Every Child Matters".

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 10:30 AM – 19th Sunday after Pentecost.
 World Communion Sunday.

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 10:30 AM – 20th Sunday after Pentecost.
 Thanksgiving 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: Victoria Square United Church, Markham; Kimbourne Park United Church, Toronto; Willowdale Emmanuel United Church, Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission and Service Fund. Each year, St James pledges a portion of our financial gifts to the United Church's Mission and Service Fund. Some of us include an amount in our PAR givings (pre-authorized remittance). Others contribute to Mission and Service separately, perhaps as an end of year donation or at other times during the year. These funds are transferred to the national church for its ministry in Canada and with global church partners. Approximately 87% of the Mission and Service Fund is dedicated to work in Canada, and 13% is directed to the work of global partners. For 2026, our congregation pledged to contribute \$23,000 to the Mission and Service Fund. As of the end of August, we have received \$15,602. So with four months remaining, we hope to receive - or surpass - the balance of \$7,400. Our financial gifts are an important part of our commitment to living out our faith in action. For those who wish to learn more about the Mission and Service Fund, there will be some information in an upcoming News From The Pews newsletter.

Our next Euchre date is: Tuesday, September 22 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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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30. To recognize this day, there will be a Public Gathering at 12:00 pm at Humber Bay Shores Park. The Guest Speaker will be Larry Sault, former Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Please gather at the *Campfire* sculpture at the end of Palace Pier Ct. along the Martin Goodman Trail. Paid parking and transit stops are nearby. Wear an orange shirt. Bring water and a chair if needed. This event is organized by Eculinks Etobicoke & Kairos Toronto West.

Resources: <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/indigenous-events-awards/national-day-for-truth-reconciliation/>

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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 are available for sale in the office at a cost of \$19.45.

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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 Matty.