

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, September 27, 2026

*Creation Time 3
Orange Shirt Day*

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	Bluesleeves (Malcolm Archer)	Jacqueline Sadler - organ
SMUDGE CEREMONY & REFLECTION		Nicole Joy-Fraser
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mhairi Godley
CALL TO WORSHIP		
CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING		
OPENING PRAYER		
❖ GATHERING HYMN	All Creatures of Our God And King	VU 217
PASSING OF THE PEACE	All I Really Need (Raffi Cavoukian)	
TIME FOR ALL AGES: SOLO	The Wildflower Song Grandmother Barbara Hooper	Nicole Joy-Fraser
CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	VU 575 v.1
ANTHEM	I Hear God's Music (Don Besig and Nancy Price)	Senior Choir
<i>This Anthem has been Commissioned by St. James United Church in honour and celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the music ministry of Clive and Patricia Dunstan at St. James United Church, Etobicoke, Ontario, June, 2007.</i>		

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23–32

Mhairi Godley

from First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament

FAITH TALK

Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss

RESPONDING

❖HYMN OF RESPONSE

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

VU 308

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS

Miigwetch Song

Nicole Joy-Fraser

Owen Gustafson from Whitesand First Nation

❖OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)

❖CLOSING HYMN

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

MV 30

SCATTERING

❖BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

❖SUNG BENEDICTION

Prayer of Dedication

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest (arr. by Dennis Eliot)

Jacqueline Sadler

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss

Smudge Ceremony Leader: Nicole Joy-Fraser

Presider: Mhairi Godley

Guest Music Director: Jacqueline Sadler

St. James Senior Choir

Section Leads/Soloists: Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant, Amy Holden, Nicole Joy-Fraser

Reader: Mhairi Godley

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: David DeCarolis, Mary Paras

Greeter: Nancy Cormier

Ushers: Brian Isard (Captain), Bob Harris, Eleanor Harris, Marie Truelove

Hospitality: Marg Arscott (L), Nancy Violo, Phil Hampshire, Jean Spencer

NEXT SERVICES:

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.

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 10:30 AM – 21st Sunday after Pentecost. World Food 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, Midland; Lefroy United Church; Good Tree Korean United Church, Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back this morning, Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss as our Guest Minister. The Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. Michelle's ministry setting is Emmanuel College in the Toronto School of Theology, where she is professor of theology and was principal from 2018-2021. She is currently working on a book, *Becoming Intercultural: A Developmental Framework for Churches and Interfaith Communities*, for which she received the McGeachy Senior Scholarship from The United Church of Canada Foundation.

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Also, we welcome back 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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We welcome back this morning, Jacqueline Sadler, as our guest music director. Jacqueline is active in the performing arts as Music Director, accompanist, educator, and adjudicator. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, holding the degree Bachelor of Music Honours: Voice Performance. A multi-instrumentalist, Ms. Sadler has performed in over 50 professional theatrical productions, as music director, conductor, composer, and actor-muso. Her performances have taken her from seven seasons at The Charlottetown Festival, to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and everywhere in between. Most recently, Jacqueline produced a 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 89.7 FM on Sundays at 1:30 pm. It is a 30-minute program of movement, music, and mindfulness. .

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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!

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 \$20.

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Anything around the church that you have noticed needs cleaning, fixing, updating or decluttering? Any dusty corner or cobweb that bothers you? Let us know so we can clean that area on 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 scrubbing baseboards to dusting bookshelves; 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.

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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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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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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.