

# Order of Service

## St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation*

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

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| PRELUDE                 | Shenandoah (Tambling) | Jacqueline Sadler - organ |
| GATHERING SONG          | We Are One            | VU 402, v 1               |
| LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT    |                       |                           |
| WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS |                       | Alex Grant-Henderson      |
| CALL TO WORSHIP         |                       |                           |
| CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING  |                       |                           |
| OPENING PRAYER          |                       |                           |
| ❖ GATHERING HYMN        | Come, Let Us Sing     | VU 222                    |

### DISCERNING

|                    |                 |                      |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| SCRIPTURE READINGS | Ezekiel 47:1-14 | Alex Grant-Henderson |
|                    | Psalms 63       | VU page 781          |
|                    | John 4:7-14     |                      |

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| <b>SOLO</b>             | Fill My Cup, Lord (Richard Blanchard) | Jacqueline Sadler |
| <b>FAITH REFLECTION</b> | Living Waters                         | Rev. Dale Young   |

## **RESPONDING**

|                                                   |                                         |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>❖HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>                          | River                                   | MV 3                       |
| <b>CALL FOR OFFERING</b>                          |                                         |                            |
| <b>SONG OF THANKS</b>                             | I've Got Peace like a River             | VU 577                     |
| <b>❖OFFERTORY RESPONSE</b>                        | Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | VU 541                     |
| <b>❖OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>                          |                                         |                            |
| <b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR CARE OF CREATION</b> |                                         |                            |
| <b>PRAYER OF JESUS (SPOKEN)</b>                   |                                         | VU page 916 – A Paraphrase |
| <b>SUNG RESPONSE</b>                              | Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying   | VU 400                     |
| <b>❖CLOSING HYMN</b>                              | Like a Mighty River Flowing             | VU 267                     |

## **SCATTERING**

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| <b>❖BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH</b> |                                             |                           |
| <b>❖SUNG BENEDICTION</b>           | Prayer Of Dedication                        |                           |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                    | On a Clear Day (Lane & Lerner, arr. Kunkel) | Jacqueline Sadler - organ |

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Guest Minister: Rev. Dale Young

Presider: Alex Grant-Henderson

Guest Music Director: Jacqueline Sadler

Reader: Alex Grant-Henderson

Tech Support: Andrew Paley, Mary Paras

Greeters: James Ankrah, Regina Ankrah

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

Hospitality: Carol Jones (L), Jean Spencer, Elizabeth Leigh, Nila Hazarika

## **NEXT SERVICES:**

**Sunday, September 13, 2026, 10:30 AM** – 16th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30 AM** – 17th Sunday after Pentecost.  
World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel.

**Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:30 AM** – 18th Sunday after Pentecost.  
Orange Shirt 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: Bolton United Church; Dentonia Park United Church, Toronto; Sharon-Hope United Church.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome back this morning, Rev. Dale Young, as our guest minister.** Dale was ordained by Toronto Conference, UCC, in a sports complex in Etobicoke May 28, 1988, having completed a Master of Divinity at Emmanuel College Toronto and served 2 years Internship and Student Minister appointment at Christian Island United Church near Midland, Ontario. Dale has served in many different areas of ministry throughout his life. As well as served in many leadership roles within the Presbytery and Conference. Recently Dale has returned to the pulpit. 18 months ago, Dale returned to Lansing United Church where he grew up and grew in faith. He was confirmed at Lansing United at age 13. God called him into ministry, but the "church fathers" saw no place for a young woman in ordered ministry at that time. It took another 20 to 30 years for the church to open their doors fully for women in ordained ministry. He was welcomed home by Lansing United Church. They supported and celebrated his Trans Journey. They encouraged Dale to return to the pulpit as Reader and Preacher.

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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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**Tru Earth Savings - A Winning Combination for September.** This September, you can save while helping St. James U.C. From September 3-7, you receive 25% off sitewide plus free shipping on orders of \$35+ when you use code CANADA25. At the same time, St. James earns an increased 30% commission on every purchase made through your fundraising link all month long. A great time to stock

up with great Canadian products! Thank you for your support! Use <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/stjamesunitedchurch>

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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 September Euchre dates are:** Tuesday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 22 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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**Fall Yoga starts Wednesday September 9th!** 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, or only \$20 per class if you pay in advance for the 8-week session, which takes us to the end of October (\$160 for 2 months). You can pay in the office before your first class, or by e-transfer to [karen\\_forgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_forgrave@hotmail.com)

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**The fall Saturday morning yoga session** will begin on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 am in the church lounge. This first 8-week fall session will run every Saturday from September 12 - October 31. Prepay option for the whole session is \$160 (which works out to \$20/class); pay by e-transfer to [joy.wil31@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:joy.wil31@gmail.com)

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**Ice cream sundae / Sunday and the official Sunday School kickoff** is next weekend, September 13! We are looking forward, and catching up over ice cream after church!

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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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