

St. James United Church

United in Faith
Strengthened by Friendship
Building a Community
of Love and Justice



May 26, 2024 @ 10:00 AM ~ Trinity Sunday

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

Sung Meditation – Spirit of Life # 381

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

In the beginning
God created the heavens and the earth.
**In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.**

In the beginning the Spirit of God
swept over the face of the waters.
**In the beginning God said,
“Let us make humankind in our image.”**

And so we came into being,
created by God who exists in community.
**We are here as God’s community
to worship the Source of our being.**

▲ Opening Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy # 315

Opening Prayer (Together)

Holy Mother you have birthed us into life,
Holy Father you have nurtured us along our way,
In you we have live and move and have our being.

To you we bring our offering
of praise and thanksgiving.
We open ourselves to your presence
in this time of worship.

Fill us with resolve and purpose,
to be your community
and to expand our boundaries
until all of creation is renewed
and all people are welcomed and blessed.

This we ask through the risen Christ
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

▲ Hymn – Deep in Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Scripture – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 & Romans 5: 1-5

Reflection – Perichoresis – The Divine Dance

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Passing the Peace

Communion Hymn # One Bread, One Body # 467

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God, our God!

Thank you, God!

Yes, thank you, God, for all the gifts

you have given creation—
love, life and being!

**Thank you for making everything,
from the littlest bug
to the biggest galaxy.**

Thank you for loving creation so much
that you dance with it every moment
of every day, in every day of every year—
from before the beginning
until after the end!

Thank you, God!

We say, "Thank you God!" because we know
that even when we human beings make mistakes—
little ones and big ones—

even when we hurt ourselves,
when we hurt one another,
when we hurt creation,
when we hurt you,
you *never* leave us.

You *never* walk away.
You call us back to your love,
over and over again.
**You call us back into community.
You call us back into communion—
into wholeness and hope.**
Thank you, God!

In Jesus, the Christ,
You taught us what it meant to be truly loved.
In Jesus, the Christ,
you taught us what it meant to be welcomed home.
Through his birth, through his life,
through his death and resurrection,
you offered life,
to his disciples...to us...to all creation.
**He let us know that, no matter what,
you love us with a love that can never end.**

Prayers of the People

Telling the Story

Sharing the Bread and Cup

As the bread and juice are distributed, we will sing # 466.

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

*Our communion bread is gluten free
and we use grape juice.*

Please wait till all are served.

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, may we,
who share Christ's body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring new life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us,
so that we can join in the eternal dance
with you and all creation, amen.

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

▲Hymn – Go to the World # 420

▲Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Diff'rence x 3

**Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world
Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer – United Church of Christ
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Welcome!

Please join us for coffee and conversation
downstairs following the service.

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