

# 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!**

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downstairs following the service.

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