

St. James United Church

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



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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

We Sing – God Is Here # 389

**God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

Call to Worship

We gather today, each of us bringing our own stories
of fear and hope, strength and doubt.
**We stand together, trusting that in our shared journey,
we find courage to face what lies ahead.**

As individuals, we seek the bravery to confront our
challenges, knowing we are never alone.

**As a community,
we draw upon our collective strength,
encouraging one another
to walk boldly in love and justice.**

Let us worship with hearts open to the courage
that comes from God and one another.

**Together, we will rise,
emboldened by the spirit within us and among us.**

▲ We Sing – God, We Praise You for the Morning # 415

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Loving God, we come before you with hearts open,
seeking the courage to face the future and the
commitment to stand together. Grant us boldness as
individuals to walk the paths you've laid before us,
and as a community, may we lift each other up in love
and support. Guide us to act justly, love mercifully,
and journey forward with unwavering faith.
In your presence, we find the courage we need.**

Silent Prayer...

**We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother
and so we SING with confidence and faith,
Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive them who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Scripture – 1 Samuel 16, 17, 18, 19 – Selected Verses
Ester 2 – Selected Verses
Acts 4: 32-37

Reflection

Courage to Stand Alone/
Courage to Live in Community

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ We Sing Spirit, Open My Heart

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

▲ We Profess – A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

▲ We Sing – One More Step Along the World I Go # 639

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Difference 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.

*Cover Photo, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Loving God’s
World – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

Welcome!

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at the back of the sanctuary.

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