

St. James United Church

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



*We worship this Sunday with planet Earth.
We join the Psalmists and rejoice with Earth.
We sing with Earth,
our planet home spinning through space.
We celebrate Earth as a sacred place,
a sanctuary filled with God's presence.*

September 8, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

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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 – O God, Send Out Your Spirit x 3

**O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.
O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.**

Call to Worship

Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:
**We celebrate your beauty and your grace,
your special place in our solar system.**

Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:
**We rejoice in your ocean currents
as they dance and swirl with hope.**

Planet Earth, pulsing with life:
**We join in praise with all your fauna and flora
as they sing their songs to the Lord.**

Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of God:
**We bless all your creatures this day
with the life-giving breath of God.**

Planet Earth, our precious, fragile home:
**We celebrate, with all your children,
God's presence in our planet home.**

▲ We Sing – For the Beauty of the Earth # 226

Remembering

We remember planet Earth with wonder.
We remember our excitement
when we first saw the orb of Earth,
**the mystery of a living green blue planet,
a fragile speck of stardust
made into a magnificent home.**
We remember and rejoice.
**Thank you, God, for the privilege
of seeing Earth anew as a gift from you.**

Confession

As I hold this fragrant symbol aloft,
we remember and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and viewed this planet as disposable,
a source of endless resources,
a mere stopping place enroute to heaven.
We are sorry.
**We have polluted Earth's waters with toxins,
We have turned our greed into global warming.
We have helped cause arctic regions to melt.
We have loved progress more than the planet.
We are sorry. We are sorry.**

Absolution

Christ hears our confession
and forgives our sins against Earth.
**Christ, teach us to love Earth as our home
and the planet as a precious sanctuary.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Ministry of Music – Touch the Earth Lightly

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word - Genesis 1: 1-25

Reflection – And God Saw That It Was Good

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ We Sing – Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain

*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky*

- 1. Precious these waters endless seas, deep ocean’s dream
Waters of healing, rivers of rain
The wash of love again. R
- 2. Precious this gift the air we breathe, wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place
Our gathering and our grace. R
- 3. Precious these mountains ancient sands, vast fragile land
Seeds of our wakening rooted and strong
Creation’s faithful song. R
- 4. Precious the fire that lights the way, bright dawning day
Fire of passion sorrows undone
Our faith and justice one. R

▲ We Profess – Affirmation of Faith (Together)

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God’s presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a piece of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in creation
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People – The Lord’s Prayer

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

▲ We Sing – You Call Us Out # 569

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – I’m Gonna Live So # 575

**I'm gonna live (work, pray, sing) so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Liturgy adapted from <https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies>

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THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Sep 8-15, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm

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