

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles
(Christ Candle, for Inclusion, for Peace)

▲ We Sing – Come In, Come In and Sit Down # 395 v 1

***Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.***

**You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**

***Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.***

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Who is this Jesus?
Who do you say the Son of Man is?
**Some say a prophet,
some say a teacher.
Some say a wise man,
some say a reformer.
*Some say a mystic,
Some say a shaman.*
Some say a reincarnated prophet
like Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist.
***But we say He is the Anointed One,
the only true Son of the living God.*****

Blessed are you who come today with that belief,
for such faith is not your doing but a gift from God.
Thanks be to God!

▲ Hymn – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation # 325

Opening Prayer (Responsive)

God our holy Parent, the magnitude and mystery of the
universe is a simple thing to You;
help us to come to You with both awe and trust.
Christ Jesus our holy Brother, the wonder of the Gospel
of love is a free gift from You;
help us to come to you with open hearts.
Spirit-Truth, our holy Friend, the power that sustains all
things is contained in Your intimacy;
help us to come to you with high expectations.
Please bless us, most loving God, for in Your blessing is
our health and our happiness. For Your love's sake.
Amen!

(Silent prayer)

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we pray 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 those that 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

Ancient Words
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – Take My Life and Let It Be # 506

▲ A New Creed – Page 918

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication (Together)

**Generous God, in light of Your extravagant
blessings – no matter what the state of the world
or our imperfect lives – we offer our gifts
and ourselves and know that
You transform what we plant
into the produce of love. Amen.**

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God # 262

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Go now, strong in the mercies of God.
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed
by the renewing of your minds, so that knowing
the will of God your whole lives may become a sacrifice
of praise, holy and acceptable to God.

And may God, the Creator of earth and sky,
be your help; May the Son of the Living God ground you
on solid rock; And may the Holy Spirit equip you
with all the gifts and graces of Christ.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

▲ Song of Dismissal – May the God of Hope Go with Us # 424

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Aug 23 - Aug 30, 2026**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Refreshments and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am

We are happy to welcome the Rev. Judith Perry, leading
us in worship all the Sundays in August.

We also welcome members of Grace United joining us
this month for the summer combined services.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Fans! There are paper fans in a basket at the entryway.
Please use them during the service then return them to
the basket for next week!

Walk with Grace, Sunday evenings in August, weather
permitting. A walk around Lake Banook with old friends
and new, with a stop at Kiwanis Kones at the end! Meet
in the parking area at the end of Nowlan St., near the
lock, 7 pm.

*Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may
be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.*

**Note: The emergency exit from the sanctuary (next to the
piano, front left) is not in use. For evacuation, please use
the main front doors or the staircase on the right.**



If you would like to contribute to our
ministry, there are **offering plates** at the
back, or you can e-transfer to
stjamesfinancials181@gmail.com
This QR code will take you directly to
our Canada Helps page.
Thank you for your generosity!

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Food Bank (Sept 1, 15, 29)

St. James United Church

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



Aug 23, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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