

St. James United Church  
United by Faith  
Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community of Love and Justice



Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

## **CROSSING THE THRESHOLD INTO WORSHIP**

Lighting the Christ and Pride Candles

▲ Sung Celebration Song – Come, O Spirit # 198 V1 (Tune # 559)

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission, that God's love shall be made known.

Call to Worship

In the beginning, God!

**God created everything**

There was nothing.

And God said, "Let there be light!"

**And there was light.**

God separated the day and the night

**God created the plants and the animals**

God created the fish and sea creatures

And God said, "Let us make humankind in our image,  
according to our likeness."

**So God created humankind in God's image,  
in the image of God they were created.**

All God's people are sacred.

**Come, let us worship!**

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy God, in calling forth creation from the void,  
revealing yourself in human flesh,  
and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us,  
you manifest your concern for your whole universe.**

**You invite us, as your people,  
to gather the world's needs into our hearts  
and bring them before you.**

*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 who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

▲ Opening Hymn – Praise with Joy the World’s Creator # 312

## **LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY**

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Various

Reflection – Connected in Faith

Reflective Music

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

▲ Hymn – God of the Sparrow # 229

God of the Christians, God of Islam,  
God of our hurting world,  
How do your people say, "Love?"  
How do your people share Peace?

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Minute for Mission

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community – Please See Insert

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

### ▲ Hymn – Love Our Neighbour (Tune # 460)

In this world of strife and anger  
In this world of doubt and pain.  
Jesus joins us on the journey  
Daring us to live God's reign.  
Love our neighbour, love one another.  
Love our God, this is the way.  
Love abundant, love expanding  
Love is more than words to say.

We are givers, we are takers.  
We are wounded, we are healed.  
We are Indigenous, we are settlers  
We need justice to be real.  
Love our neighbour, love one another.  
Love our God, this is the way.  
Love abundant, love expanding  
Love is more than words to say.

We who once were lost and seeking  
We who wandered all around.  
God show us that life's abundant.  
When we share with all around.  
Love our neighbour, love one another.  
Love our God, this is the way.  
Love abundant, love expanding  
Love is more than words to say.

### ▲ Commissioning & Blessing

### ▲ Song of Dismissal – Come, O Spirit # 198 – V2 (Tune # 559)

We would raise our hallelujahs, for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O God, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey, you have led us all the way,  
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

### Music Takes Us into the World

*Call to Worship - Catherine MacDonald  
Opening Prayer – Vanderbilt Lectionary  
God of the Christians – Catherine MacDonald  
Love Our Neighbour – Catherine MacDonald*