

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



July 16, 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 (Responsive)

We come in faith.

We come in friendship.

We persevere through teamwork.

We rejoice in community.

We come, thankful for kindness.

We come, delighted to be together once again.

Come, let us worship!

Opening Prayer (Together)

God of seeds and soil, our time is in your hands.
Till our lives and soften our hearts. Sift the stony places
of our souls till there is room to grow. Pour out your Spirit upon us
in this time of worship. Together may we create a place
where all are welcome, in Jesus' name.

... *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...”**

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

Ministry of Music – Meditation from "Thais" – Barnabas Lee

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

Readings – Psalm 119:105-112
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ Hymn – Let Us with a Gladsome Mind # 234

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

We are not alone;
we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,

to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Minute for Mission

Prayers of the People

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

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

▲ Hymn – We Shall Go Out, With Hope of Resurrection # 586

▲ 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

*Opening Prayer - Wetaskiwin Writers
Ministry of Music – Meditation from "Thais" by J. Massenet*