

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



July 23, 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)

We are amazed, Jesus, that you call people like us to do work like yours! Forgive our arrogance when we ignore you or refuse to ask for help. May this time of worship and this community of faith equip us to live our discipleship. Grant us the wisdom and courage to be your neighbour in the world.

... *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 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise # 264

Ministry of Music – Treasure Each Moment

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

Readings – Psalm 139  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Reflection

Reflective Music

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

▲ Hymn – Come, You Thankful People Come # 516

▲ 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 – For the Healing of the Nations # 678

▲ 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  
Treasure Each Moment – J. Martins*