

St. James United Church

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



October 15, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

Sung Celebration Song – God of the Sparrow # 229

**God of the sparrow,
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe?
How does the creature say Praise?**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

From generation to generation,
our God is the Lord.
For our ancestors, yes, and also for us, here, today,
our God is the Lord.
In the stories of old, and the story we are still living,
our God is the Lord.
Listen — not just with your ears but with your whole self:
**our God is the Lord,
and we will love God with all our being.
Come, let us worship!**

▲ Hymn – In Loving Partnership # 603

Opening Prayer (Together)

**O Holy One, how often we want more,
Or the world around us tells us we need more.
How often we struggle with providing for ourselves,
planning the future, worrying that we may not have enough,
As we struggle also in our churches and our communities.
And yet, our world is full of people who have only each other,
Or are altogether alone,**

**People who live on the edge, even in our own country.
May today's reading question us and our world,
Opening us to deeper wisdom,
Taking us to a deeper place of imagination and hope,
As we use what we have to make a better way
and a better world for all.**

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.**

Ministry of Music – Creation, Like a Prism – Please See Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Ruth 1: 1-17

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – Come, O Fount of Every Blessing # 559

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Minute for Mission

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

▲ Hymn – Blest Be the Tie That Binds # 602

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – You Shall Go Out With Joy! Page 884

**You shall go out with joy.
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills,
will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands**

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

(Clap, clap)

The trees of the field will clap their hands.

(Clap, clap)

The trees of the field will clap their hands.

(Clap, clap)

While you go out with joy.

Music Takes Us into the World

*Call to Worship – Rev. Jane Doull
Opening Prayer – Rev. Teri Peterson*

*Please note, our services are livestreamed
and photographs may be taken.
You are also welcome to take pictures and video.*
