

# St. James United Church

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



UCW Purpose: To unite women for the mission of the Church and to provide a medium by which they may express their loyalty and devotion to God through Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

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(▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold)

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Welcome & Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Candles

Gathering Song – We Are Circling

**We are circling  
Circling together  
We are singing  
Singing our heart song  
This is family, this is unity  
This is celebration, this is sacred**

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**We rejoice in giving God thanks and praise.**

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Loving God,**

**We remember the generations of women  
who have gone before us.**

**We remember their wisdom and their love.**

**We are grateful for these gifts given by you.**

**We remember the generations of women  
surrounding us now,**

**sharing their wisdom and their love.**

**We are grateful for these gifts passed on to us.**

**We offer our prayers to the generations of women  
who come after us.**

**They will build on the wisdom and love of past generations.**

**They will be the beacon of light for the future.**

**May you journey in peace.**

*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 – We Are One # 402**

**Ministry of Music – To Know God**

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

**A Time of Wondering**

**An Ancient Word – Psalm 112 (VU Page # 834)**

**Stories of Mission and Ministry**

**Reflective Music**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Statement of Purpose**

**Presentation**

**Prayer (Together)**

**God of the heavens and the earth,  
With joy we praise you,  
We thank you, we honour you.**

**Because you have made us like yourself,  
Made us to be creative in your world,  
We praise you.**

**Because you have freed us through Jesus  
Freed us to be people of light and love,  
We thank you.**

**Because your spirit is present with us,  
Present to guide and renew,  
We honour you.**

**God of the heavens and the earth,  
With joy we praise you,  
We thank you, we honour for ever. Amen.**

▲ Hymn – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky # 509

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

**THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD**

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

▲ Hymn – We Are Pilgrims # 595

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – We Are Circling

**We are circling,  
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Music Takes Us into the World

*Liturgy Adapted from UCW Handbook*

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