

# St. James United Church

United in Faith

Strengthened by Friendship

Building a Community of Love and Justice



Transfiguration Sunday  
February 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music/Welcome/Introductions

Acknowledging the Territory

## **CROSSING THE THRESHOLD**

Lighting the Candles

Celebration Song – It Only Takes a Spark # 289

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Who are we?

**We are people of God, united by faith.**

What keeps us going?

**We are strengthened by friendship.**

How will we live God's call?

**We will build a community of love and justice.**

**Come, let us worship!**

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (Together)

**God of power and wonder,  
we are awestruck by the brightness  
of your presence among us.**

**We marvel at what we can see,  
at what we cannot see.**

**Sometimes you dazzle us with a pure, unbroken light.**

**Sometimes you overshadow us with a great cloud.**

**May all our moments, all our conversations,**

**all our experiences be holy times,**

**making you known to us,**

**making us known to each other,**

**making your Love known in our midst.**

*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.**

▲ Hymn – We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding # 104

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

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Mark 8:27 – 9:8

Reflection

Reflective Music

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

▲ Hymn – How Good Lord to Be Here # 103 – Tune # 602

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

# THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

▲ Hymn – We Have This Ministry # 510

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – May the God of Hope Go with Us # 424

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

***Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.**

**May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.**

***Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

Music Takes Us into the World

*Call to Worship – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

*Opening Prayer – Rev. Jane Doull*

*Cover Photograph – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*



*This sculpture hangs in the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg. It's called Trace and it's created by artist Rebecca Belmore, the 'beads' of this sculpture bear the handprints of children and adults who helped create it. It's made of red clay from deep below the city of Winnipeg.*

*Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may be taken.  
You are welcome to take photos and video as well.*