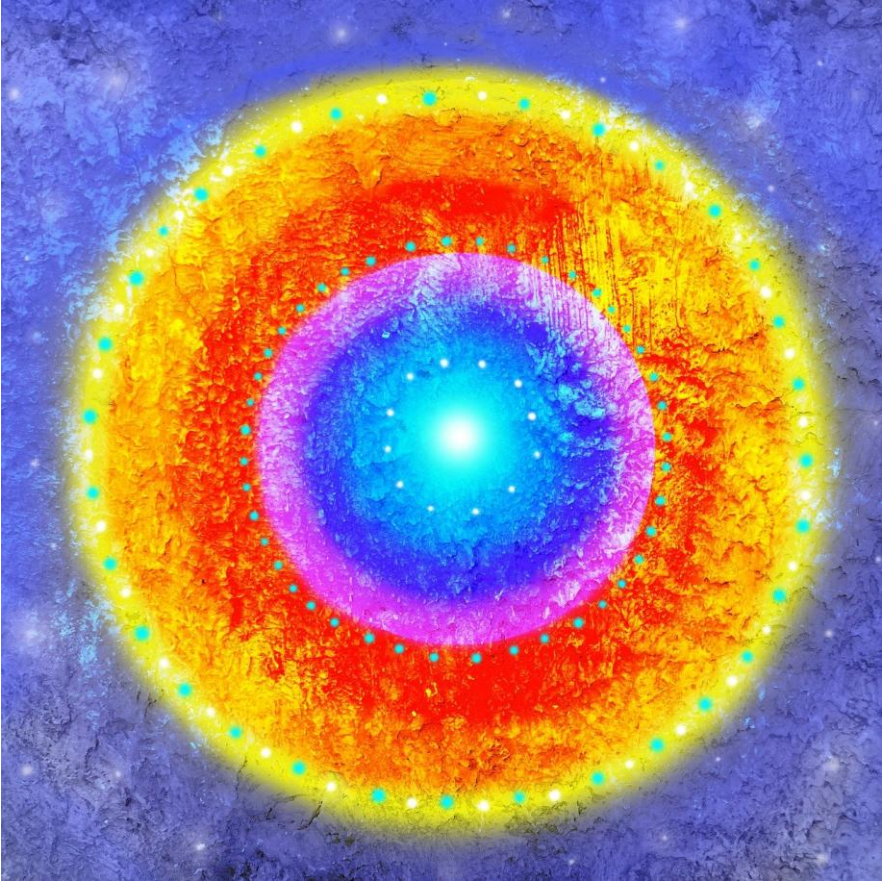


St. James United Church  
The Marks of Discipleship

Healing



February 25, 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 Lenten Candles

Lent is a journey of deepening reflection and renewal,  
an opportunity to affirm the marks of discipleship.

**We are people of the journey, followers of Jesus.**

All of us carry hurts and wounds from our lives.  
All of us fail to see what is right in front of us at times.

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All of us are in need of healing.  
As we encounter Jesus, we open ourselves to his healing touch.  
And as we are healed, we offer healing in return.

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We light these candles to signify how Jesus' passion, purpose and  
promise shone ever brighter on that journey.

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Opening Sung Meditation – Today We All Are Called # 507 V 1

**Today we all are called to be  
disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free,  
make ploughshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

United in faith,  
Strengthened by friendship,  
Building a community of love and justice.  
**These are words that speak of our identity  
as followers of Jesus.**

United in faith,  
Strengthened by friendship,  
Building a community of love and justice.  
**These are words that speak of our hope  
as followers of Jesus.**

United in faith,  
Strengthened by friendship,  
Building a community of love and justice.  
**These are words that speak of our mission  
as followers of Jesus. Come, let us worship!**

▲ Hymn – Giver of the Perfect Gift # 116 – Heather-Anne Gillis

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, from the beginning of time,  
human beings have failed to live in your ways.  
Our world today suffers from harm done before we were born:  
people at war, people greedy for wealth,  
people unable to forgive ancient hurts.  
We do not know what to do to heal our world,  
or when we do know what to do, we hesitate to do it.**

*Silent prayer...*

**May we listen to your wisdom.  
Upheld by your love,  
may we venture forth in faith and courage.  
Living out your possibilities,  
may we let go of those habits, prejudices,  
and limiting beliefs which no longer serve us or your world.  
May we find freedom in a full creative life,  
immersed in your love and light and energy. Amen.**

Ministry of Music – Lord, Lead Me, Lord

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

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Mark 10: 46-52

Reflection – From Blindness to Sight

Reflective Music

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

▲ Hymn – Jesus Christ is Waiting # 117

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Minute for Scouting

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## **THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD**

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

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

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – Today We All Are Called # 507 V 4

**May we in service to our God  
act out the living Word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be  
disciples of the Lord.**

Music Takes Us into the World

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