

St. James United Church

Atomic Church
Small Changes... Big Impact!



February 4, 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)

Holy One,

you are bigger than our wildest dreams,

closer than our very breath,

creator of stars and planets,

healer of every broken heart.

**We come like the woman who bled for twelve years,
like the centurion whose daughter had died,
like ones who have power and ones who have nothing,
wanting only a word or a touch from you.**

As we gather in your holy presence,

speak to our hearts,

touch our minds, and feed our souls,

**that we may become more fully your holy church,
the living, loving, breathing Body of Christ on earth.**

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 – Come In, Come In and Sit Down # 395 – Ian Traverse

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Mark 5: 21-43

Reflection – The Power of Touch

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ Hymn – We Are One # 402

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Stories of Mission

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 – To Show By Touch and Word # 427

▲ 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.**

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singing, share our joy with all,
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Music Takes Us into the World

Cover Design – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Call to Worship – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Opening Prayer – Adapted from Calling on God by Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove

*Please note, our services are livestreamed
and photographs may be taken.*

You are also welcome to take pictures and video.
