

St. James United Church

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



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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF EASTER

Lighting the Candles

Sung Celebration Song– Sing Your Joy # 253

**Sing your joy, proclaim God's glory!
Rise and sing, the morning has come!
Bless our God and praise all creation;
song of the earth, and light from heaven:
God is alive! Hallelujah!**

Call to Worship (together)

**God you called us here to worship together in community.
Each person here comes with their own
unique gifts and experiences.
Help us to learn from each other and to build a community
based in your love and care for all our neighbours. Amen**

▲ Hymn – Come, Let Us Sing (VU 222)

Opening Prayer (responsive)

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.
**We come as individuals, we come in family units,
we come as neighbours and friends.**
We come here where we are known by name,
welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.
We gather with kindred spirits
who long to live faithful to your calling.
**Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us,
and nurture us in this time of worship**

so that we might be enabled to return
to our daily lives ready to engage fully
with all of your creation.

Silent Prayer...

We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother
and so we SING 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 them who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn - All Things Bright and Beautiful (VU 291)

Carillon Choir
- Praise to the Lord
- Shining Bright

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Romans 12: 9-18

Reflection - Faith is a Feather

Carillon Choir - Jesus Loves Me

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Deep in Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

▲ Hymn – Blessed Assurance (VU 337)

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Onward Easter People

**Onward Easter people, risen with our Lord.
Loving, caring, sharing, spread his living Word.
Death no longer holds him, we can plainly see.
Christ is resurrected, we have been set free.
Onward Easter people, risen with our Lord.
Loving, caring, sharing, spread his living Word.**