

St. James United Church

Mother's Day
Christian Family Sunday

May 10, 2026
10:30 am



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The Life and Work of St. James United Church

Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you, to Jesus be true,
may God's richest blessings abide unto you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of the Risen Christ shines for all to see.
May that light shine in our hearts and in our lives.

Introit (VU 820 refrain)

Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Holy God, Mother and Father of us all,
we gather and give you thanks for our families,
especially mothers and stepmothers, grandmothers and aunts,
and all those who have been like mothers to us.
We thank you for their love and compassion,
their strength and courage, guidance and wisdom.
Be with us today in our worship;
make us aware of your never-ending love and care.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: VU 365 "Jesus Loves Me"

Responsive Psalm 66 VU 785 Parts Two and Three

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-22

Anthem

Sermon: “The Advocate”

Hymn: “Because He Lives”

1. God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus.
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives.**

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance:

this child can face uncertain days because He lives. **R**

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. **R**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 179 refrain)

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Risen Christ.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Loving God, we give you the work of our hands and the love of our hearts. May the sharing of our gifts bring your hope and life to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 236 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 352 Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be!
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he!

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Lectionary Readings for May 10

Acts 17:22-31 Paul points the Athenians to “the unknown god.”

Psalm 68:8-20 God preserved us.

1 Peter 3:13-22 Do not repay evil for evil.

John 14:15-21 The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.

Sunday School, May 17, 2026

Harbour View Voices Community Choir presents “Spring Sing,” a concert of choral music with special guests, at 6:30 pm on Sunday, May 31 at St. James. Admission is free; an offering will be taken. Donations of non-perishable food for the Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.

Memorials

**In Memory of our mothers and grandmothers
from
Victor, Kim and family.**

**In Loving Memory of my dear mother Marjorie Schnare
Love
Shirley**

**In Loving Memory of my husband Maurice Gray
on his 93rd birthday
Love
Shirley**

**In Loving Memory of my dad Maurice Gray
from
Roxanna and Bob**

**In loving memory of mom, Marilyn Purcell
from
Bob and Roxanna**