

St. James United Church

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Summer Worship – August 30, 2026

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 Christ shines for all to see.
May it shine in our hearts and in our lives.

Introit (VU 958)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship

Come, people, let us worship our God.
We gather to praise God's glorious name.
Let us sing with enthusiasm, pray with openness,
and celebrate with joy.
Our God is with us!

Opening Prayer* (together)

By Jeeva Sam

Come into our gathering, Holy One, and bless us in our worship. Where there is boredom, bring excitement. Where there is doubt, bring faith. When there is despair, bring hope. For we seek the renewal only you can bring—to our lives, our church and our world. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Hymn: VU 562 "Jesus Calls Us"

Responsive Psalm 105 – VU 828 – Part One

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 561 "Take Up Your Cross"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for all that you are and all you have given us.
Accept these gifts we return to you,
as we do our best to carry out your work in the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Hymn: VU 563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 884)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)
while you go out with joy!

*Opening Prayer written by Jeeva Sam. *Worship for All Seasons II* (2004), page 198. Used with permission.

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Our church secretary, Liz Cann, will be away Sept. 7-15.
We are thankful for all her work throughout the year and hope that she has a wonderful break! Liz will print the bulletins for Sept. 6 and Sept. 13 at the same time, so if you have memorials or announcements for those bulletins, please submit them by the evening of Sept. 2.

Lectionary Readings for August 30

Exodus 3:1-15 Moses encounters the burning bush.

Psalms 105 Remembering Jacob and Moses.

Romans 12:9-21 Let love be genuine; overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28 Take up the cross and follow me.

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10:30 am

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