

St. James United Church

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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 Christ shines in the darkness.
May that light fill our hearts and our world.

Introit (MV 18)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship

The days are getting longer,
the light is getting brighter.
God is the light to our path.
Let's follow the well-lit path God offers.

Opening Prayer of Confession (together)

Holy One, in this season of light and darkness we call Lent,
help us see not only the places within each of us filled with your
light, but also those places that we try to hide from you, those
things that we regret, those burdens we think we must carry
alone, those questions we're afraid to ask you. Help us to see
that the darkness and the light are the same to you, and that
your desire is to bring reconciliation and a new way of being to
each one of us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU 313 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

Lenten Candles

(Light three purple candles.)

Who can we trust when we can't see the way forward?

**We are fearful, but we go forward in faith. We trust in God
who protects and leads us.**

Let us journey through the shadows toward the light.

(Extinguish a purple candle)

Sung response (MV 85)

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: VU 585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

Responsive Psalm 121 VI 844

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14; 1st Samuel 16:1-13

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (MV 79)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

With these gifts we offer ourselves as well, O Lord. Use our
hands, our feet and our voices to share your love and healing in
the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 117 v. 5)

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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Memorials

**In Memory of Phyllis Gray
from
Jimmy, Gale & Family**

**In Memory of Ivy Hann
from
Pat Thomas
Clyde & Theresa Gray
Jimmy & Gale Gray
Vivian Horton**

**In Memory of Nancy Marryatt
from
Sylvia Kirk & Family
Victor & Kim Gray
Pat Thomas**

**In Memory of Brian & Jimmy Gray
from
Jimmy & Gale Gray**

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Pat Thomas

March 15, 2026

10:30 am

