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Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the bread of heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.*

Prayer of Dedication (together)

There's no denying that the life and teachings of Jesus have had a profound effect on the world. But when we start to think as he did, to value love and justice more than money or survival, we're often treated like we've a screw loose and have lost touch with reality.

Bless this offering, God, however it was gifted, that it might prove we're not insane to see the world as Jesus did or to struggle to bring about your Kin-dom. And, if it is, it's the kind of crazy the world needs. So anchor us in you, God, and let us light the way for others. Amen.

Hymn: VU 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (MV 214)

*May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.*

Lectionary Readings – June 9, 2024

- Genesis 3:8-15
- Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35

St. James United Church

4th Sunday of Pentecost

June 9, 2024

11:00 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

Adpt. Beth W. Johnston

In a time of change and confusion,

We need a source of unwavering light.

In a time of doubt and uncertainty,

We need a light to show us the way.

Let Christ be this light in the midst of our darkness.

May it shine in our hearts and illumine our way.

Hymn: VU 766 "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

Call to Worship

Beth W. Johnston

Jesus said, "Come, follow me."

I said, "I am not good enough, Jesus."

Jesus said, "Come, follow me."

I said, "I cannot find my way."

Jesus said, "I love you and will show you the way."

I said, "By God's grace, I will follow."

Opening Prayer

Adpt. Jeanne Wilson

Holy One, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Why does it so often seem that the light has gone out? We know of times in the past when your light has shone into places of despair. Now we need your light to shine once again into the places of despair and anguish, where hatred, injustice, and violence are vying with each other for supremacy.

Is it even possible for us to be the instruments of your peace and your healing? Is it possible for us to shine your light into the worst places the human mind can devise? Your word says, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear, for you are with me." Too often the hatred overflows so that people do not journey just through the valley's shadows; they journey through the valley of death. It is so easy to despair. To question one's very sanity.

But your word promises that you are with us, that your light is shining into our despair, into the world's despair. Holy One, give us the courage and stamina to hold your light high. Give us the courage to enter into the valleys of despair, no matter how challenging they are. Through us fill the valleys with your light. This we pray through the power of Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen.

Hymn: MV 48 "I can Feel You Near Me God"

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20-35

Anthem

Reflection: Embracing Insanity

Hymn: MV 113 "Jesus Saw Them Fishing"

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Response (MV 182) "*Grateful*"

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***May our lives proclaim your justice,
May our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
To the glory of your name.***

Memorials

In Memory of Robert & Edna Jones

from

Vivian Horton

Darrell & Aronda Garrison

Gus & Barb Reyno

Shirley Gray

Murray & Phyllis Gray

In Memory of Goldie Hart

from

Vivian Horton

Murray & Phyllis Gray

Clyde & Theresa Gray

Gus & Barb Reyno

Darrell & Aronda Garrison

Announcements

Sessions Meeting – Sunday, June 9th after the service.

Halibut Supper - Saturday June 15th 4-6pm. Dine in or Takeout. Halibut Supper includes dessert and roll. \$20.00 cash only.