

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 is shining.
May it shine in our hearts, in our church, in our world.

Introit (tune VU 345)

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Call to Worship¹

Friends,
the air we breathe...
is a gift of God.
The food we eat...
is a gift of God.
The life we live...
is a gift of God.
The love we give...
is a gift of God.
The gifts of God, for all of God's people.
Today we come at Christ's call—
to worship,
to share,
to live.

¹ By Richard Bott. *Gathering: Summer/Autumn 2011*, p. 48. Used with permission.

Opening Prayer (together)

God of the harvest, you see our deep hunger to know you; feed us with your words of life. God of all, you know our desire to follow you; strengthen us with your loving Spirit. Jesus, bread for the journey, help us to feed and strengthen one another. Amen.

Hymn: VU 312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: MV 45 "You Are Holy"

Prayer of Intercession²

God of seed-time and harvest,
have mercy on us and hear our prayer.
For children who go to bed hungry at night, and for parents who cannot find food for them,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For communities hungry because of flood, fire or drought, and for governments who struggle to provide for them,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For farmers sowing seed and raising livestock to feed the world, and for their care for the land that provides their livelihood,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who travel the open seas as they harvest the great bounty of the ocean, and for protection of this resource,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For soup kitchens, food banks and aid agencies, and for the donors, volunteers and staff who help to feed the hungry,
Lord, hear our prayer.
Gather us around the table of your love, O God,
where all who hunger for justice will be satisfied. Amen.

² Based on The Anglican Church of Australia, *God's Good Earth: Praise and Prayer for Creation* (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2018), pp. 149-150.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 581 “When We Are Living”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (TLUS 58)

Sing thanks to our God.

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Prayer of Dedication (together)

Lord, accept our gifts as a sign of our thanks for the blessings that surround us. Help us build a better world in which all have enough. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: MV 212 “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 649 Refrain) (repeat)

Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned,
where love shines through.

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WORLD FOOD SUNDAY

October 18, 2026



“Farm Worker” by Vincent van Gogh

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St. James Swordfish Supper was a tremendous success. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and generous support!

Congregational Breakfast: On Oct. 25 following the service all are invited to a breakfast in the hall. Come as you are; no need to bring anything!

Christmas Craft Market: 10 am-2 pm, Saturday, Nov. 7 in St. James Hall. Handmade treasures for the Holidays!

Remembrance Day: On Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10:45 am everyone is invited to a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph, followed by a free Chowder Social in St. James Hall.

Come join us for a Gingerbread Tea, Cake Walk and Ticket Auction, 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 14. An afternoon of fun for all ages, includes gingerbread cake with caramel sauce, tea and coffee. Cost \$7 (cash only). **Donations (new) for the auction and cake walk are greatly appreciated!**

Bill Stewart's 90th Birthday - Bill and Fran Stewart would like to extend a warm welcome to their Church family and friends to join them on Sunday November 15, 1-5 pm, as they celebrate Bill's 90th birthday. There will be refreshments and music, and Bill has requested "best wishes only". This event is a fund-raiser for the Food Bank, and they are asking folks to bring a non-perishable item to donate. There will also be a table set up for those who would like to donate funds, and receipts will be available.

Our next Sunday School sessions will be on Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. Children will attend the first part of worship, then go to class. There will be a fellowship time with refreshments following these services.

St. James Fishermen's Service: 10:30 am, Sunday, Nov. 22. There will be special music and the reading of the names of those who have been lost at sea. **We will have a men's choir: If you love to sing, we invite you to join our crew!**

Christmas Luncheon: 11 am-1 pm, Saturday, Dec. 12. Cost \$10 (cash only). A time to share food, fellowship and holiday cheer. St. James will have a craft/bake table. We would appreciate contributions and ask that a value be placed on any items given for the sale.

Lectionary Readings:

[Exodus 33:12-23](#) God speaks to Moses face to face as a friend.

[Psalms 99](#) God is a ruler who delights in justice.

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#) We always give thanks to God for you.

[Matthew 22:15-22](#) Give to God the things that are God's.