

St. James United Church

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Summer Worship – September 6, 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

It is good to be back in September,
to gather with our family of faith,
to give thanks for the gifts of summer,
and to praise our Maker.
Let us open ourselves to God's blessing.
Let us pray:

Opening Prayer (together)

Life-giving God, thank you for the summer. Set your hand upon us as we begin to return to our regular routines. Help us find ways to worship you in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Hymn: VU 226 (tune 81) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Responsive Psalm 149 – VU 873

**Scripture Readings: Matthew 18:15-20
Romans 13:8-12**

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 602 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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) By George Allan*

How good it feels to give, to share, to be of help to others,
O God, in whatever way we can. We pray that these gifts, of
money and of ourselves, will be a positive force for your
purpose in our broken world and in the lives of others,
through our Saviour Christ. Amen.

Hymn: VU 343 "I Love to Tell the Story"

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!

*Offering Prayer written by George Allan of Chatham, Ontario.
Gathering, *Pentecost 1* 2026, page 50. Used with permission.

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A message to all students, parents, caregivers, teachers, bus drivers and special needs monitors: As you begin a new year of learning, may God bless you at this exciting time and may you have a happy, fun-filled school year!

There will be a meeting of Session at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at St. James.

SWORDFISH SUPPER

Dine In or Takeout
 Includes Roll and Dessert
 Saturday October 17th
 4:00 - 6:00 PM
 Adult: \$25.00 (Cash Only)
 Kids 12 and Under Eat Free

Lectionary Readings for September 6, 2026

Exodus 12:1-14 Instructions for the first Passover.

Psalms 149 Sing to God a new song.

Romans 13:8-12 Owe no one anything but love.

Matthew 18:15-20 Where two or three are gathered in my name.

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 10:30 am

