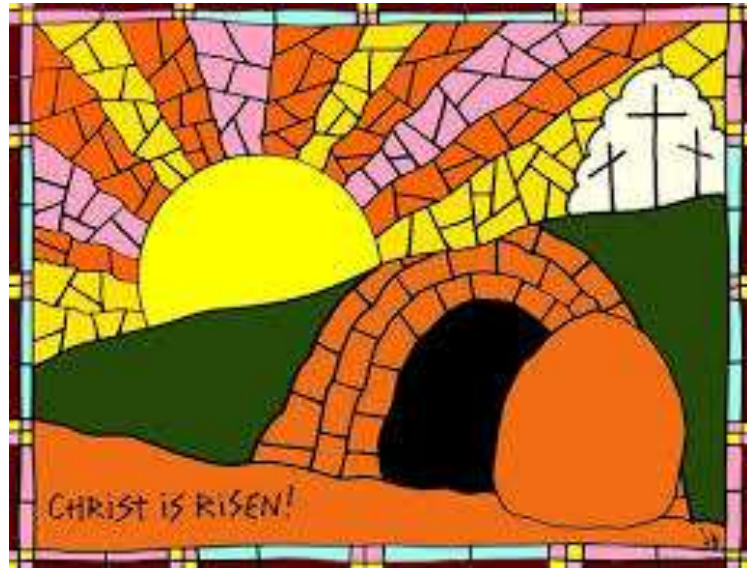


**St. James United Church**  
**Easter Sunday Worship**

April 5, 2026  
10:30 am

Worship Leaders  
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**The Life and Work of St. James United Church**

**Birthday/Anniversary Song**

Happy birthday to you; to Jesus be true.  
May God's richest blessings abide unto you!

**Call to Worship**

There is surprise.  
**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
There is wonder.  
**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
There is joy.  
**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

**Opening Prayer (together)**

God of resurrection, you gave us new life as we awoke this morning. Give us new life as we gather around the risen Christ, as we sing our Easter hallelujahs, as we share our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn: VU 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

**Growing in Faith Time**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

The light of the Risen Christ shines for all to see.  
**May that light shine in our hearts and in our lives.**

**Anthem**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Hymn (VU 179 refrain)**

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Risen Christ.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

**Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Loving God, today we celebrate good news: Hope is alive at Easter! Bless our gifts, for we offer the work of our hands and the love of our hearts. We pray in the name of our beloved Saviour, Jesus. Amen.

**Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10; 1st Corinthians 15:19-26**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Anthem**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**Minister:** Hallelujah, thanks and praise, Ever-Living God, Worker of wonders, Maker of miracles, Giver of life eternal!

**People:** Out of chaos and fear, you bring beauty and hope. Out of despair and death, you create courage and new life.

**Minister:** And so, with the Risen Christ, who makes all things new by the power of his resurrection, we join in the song of a new day, to sing your praise.

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

**Minister:** As the Lord Jesus, on the same night on which he was betrayed, took bread, we take these elements of bread and wine to be set apart from all common uses, to this holy use and mystery.

**People:** And as he gave thanks, let us draw near to God and present our prayers and thanksgivings.

**Minister:** Creator God, you made this wonderful world for us to live in. You showed us how to care for it and take care of each other. We thank you and praise you.

**People:** You gave us Jesus to be our friend and to bring us closer to you. He died on a cross, but you brought him to life, to live with us forever.

**Minister:** You send us your Spirit and bring us to the table. For all your goodness we give you thanks and praise.

**People:** Loving God, with grateful thanks we present to you our very lives, committed to your service.

**Minister:** By sharing in the loaf and cup, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, and await Christ's coming again. Together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All:** Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

**Minister:** Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we may be signs of life and love to each other and to the world.

**People:** At this time, we remember those with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are sad or in pain; all who are sick or alone; all who are afraid or hungry.

**Minister:** We pray for the nations as they strive for peace; for the earth and all its creatures; for our families and friends. We remember all others who are in our hearts and minds. Loving God, we ask that you hold these people in your love: (*Prayers of the People prayer sheet*) Let us pray as Jesus taught:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Minister:** Now we do as Jesus did the night before he died. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it (*break bread*), gave it to his disciples and said,

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**People:** “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Minister:** After supper he took a cup of wine (*pour juice into cup*) and said,

**People:** “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**Minister:** Everyone is invited to share the communion meal. It will be served in the pews. The bread is served first: please keep it until everyone has been served and we will then eat it

together. We use juice for the cup. Everyone will be served, then we will drink together.

### **We Share the Meal**

Bread: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Cup: Jesus Christ, the Cup of Blessing.

**Minister:** We thank you, O God, for the bread we have eaten, the wine we have tasted, the life we have received.

**People:** May what we have done and been given today, remain in our hearts. Send us forth, O God, in faith, hope and love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

### **Hymn: VU 468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

### **Benediction**

### **Song for the Journey (VU 958)**

Halle, halle, halle—lujah! (x3)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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### **Memorials**

In loving memory of my mother Marjorie Schnare

&

my mother-in-law Audrey Gray

Love

Shirley and Family