

## St. James United Church

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### The Life and Work of St. James United Church

#### Birthdays/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 the Risen Christ shines for all to see!  
**May that light shine in our hearts and in our lives!**

#### Introit (VU 820 refrain)

Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Come to this place with a song.

#### Call to Worship (Worship Leader)

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! It's Holy Humour Sunday, time to come into God's presence with praise and joy. Let us worship together.

#### Opening Prayer and Confession

O God, we praise you for all life, but we find ourselves wondering:

**Why do babies spit up?**

**Why do feet smell and noses run?**

**What were you thinking when you made mosquitoes?**

We wonder about ourselves, too:

**Why is it so hard to say, "I'm sorry"?**

**Why do we leave stuff all over your world and make such a mess?**

**Why is it so easy to laugh at others sometimes?**

#### Words of Assurance

Leader: Friends, the God who laughed at the birth of the world is still smiling, still looking on you with joy and waiting for you to smile again. Be sorry, make up, clean up, and then wise up! You are loveable and greatly loved. Get it?!

**People: If you say so.**

#### Hymn MV 122 "This Is the Day"

#### Growing in Faith Time

#### Hymn MV 121 "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!"

##### Chorus

**Hey now! Singing hallelujah!**

**Hey now! The morning has come!**

**Hey now! Singing hallelujah!**

**The tomb was empty at the rising sun!**

1 Jesus loved people and he made them his friends.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He called to the children and the women and men.

Hey now, the tomb was empty. **Chorus**

2 Jesus had power and they took him away.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.

Hey now, the tomb was empty. **Chorus**

3 Jesus loves people and he lives again!

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.

Hey now, the tomb was empty. **Chorus**

#### Responsive Psalm 16 VU 738

**Scripture Readings: John 20:19-31; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-9**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Hymn VU 624 “Give to Us Laughter”**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**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)**

Take and bless our offerings, O God. In our joyful giving, may we be a blessing to the world, and may we find hope and healing for ourselves. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn VU 173 “Thine Is the Glory”**

**Benediction**

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

Halle, halle, halle—lujah! (x3)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

Today we welcome back the children of our Sunday School class and teacher, Jennifer Moss!

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Holy Humour Sunday  
April 12, 2026  
10:30 am

Worship Leaders  
Cyndi Garrison & John Hennigar-Shuh

