

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29th 2026

10:30 am. St. James United Church Family in Worship

Worship Focus – ***“Parade of His Lifetime!”***

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING JESUS - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are invited to do. ***Annual Meeting will take place in the Sanctuary after the Benediction.***

PLACING THE PALM BRANCHES – near the Communion Table

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus approaches Jerusalem

All: Our journey through this Lenten Season is almost over.

Leader: A colt is waiting for Jesus.

All: Jesus enters Jerusalem with a smile on his face.

Leader: The crowds gather around him crying out:

**All: “Hosanna, blessed is the One who comes
In the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Waving their palms in the air - - -

**All: As curious people gathering in the crowd,
We also are ready to celebrate the arrival of
Jesus!**

Leader: Yes indeed! But are we ready for what happens next?

Hymn of Praise: **VU #123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

God of Creation, we are here for worship! God of donkeys and children, God of palm branches and pilgrims, we give You the glory this morning! We gather to celebrate Your Presence in our lives and in this St. James Church Family. We celebrate the courage, teachings and example of Your Son, “Jesus the Christ!” We open ourselves to the grace of Your Spirit. May the power of Your Spirit move us, inspire us, and make our hearts dance with joy! Amen.

Lenten Candle Un-lighting: Blow out the 6th Candle!

(Unison Response) Knowing that God accepts us for who we are, But loves us into who we can become, let us journey together along this parade route of mapping out our future together! AMEN.

Family Focus: Storyteller – Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 21:1-11 “Jesus enters Jerusalem”

Philippians 2:5-11 “May the mind of Christ be in you”

Lay Reader: March House

Choir Anthem: “Sing For Joy” - arr by H Hopson

Message: **“SURPRISE PARADE with CURIOSITY”
BRING US TOGETHER!**

Reverend Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 124 “He Came Riding on a Donkey”**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #544 "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of New Life, all around us are reminders of Your covenant with Creation. Our gifts, we present as our commitment to Your ways of wholeness. Use these offerings Lord, to quench thirsty souls, shower Your earth with blessings, and transform our hungry hearts. These we give in Jesus' name with thankfulness and praise. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU# 127 **"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"**

Benediction & Commissioning

Postlude Music:

Setting up for the Annual Meeting followed by Lunch Refreshments in the Muriel Bridge Room, with thanks to the volunteers from March House!

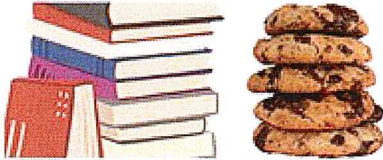
EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY - If you would like to make a donation towards Easter plants which will be placed on either side of the communion table on Easter Sunday, place your donation in a pew envelope clearly labelled **"Easter Flowers in Memory"**. Include your name, envelope number and who it is in memory of. Each name will be listed in the bulletin.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - It's that time of year when we order plants as a gesture of friendship for members of St. James who can no longer join with us for worship services. If you know of anyone, please contact the church office or Marg Tisdale. Also, if you are available to deliver one or two of these plants, kindly sign the sheet on the board in the Muriel Bridge Room.


April 12 2:00 pm **Heart N Soul Fundraising Concert.** Freewill Offering. Posters outside office. Please take and post around town. Help will be needed with refreshments.

FREE CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY - The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a free clothing give-a-way on Friday, April 17 from 6-8 pm and Saturday, April 18 from 9 am to 11 am. Donations appreciated and will be received beginning Monday, April 7. Please drop off 9 am to 12 noon Monday to Thursday ONLY! If you are available to help on Friday, April 17 at 9 am speak to Liz Leendertse.

**BOOK,BAKE &
WHAT-NOT-SALE**



**SATURDAY MAY 2
ST.JAMES UNITED CHURCH**



**150 COLBORNE ST. S.
SIMCOE
8:30-12:00**

SING INTO SPRING

HEART N SOUL!

PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP TO A MIX OF POP, ROCK, AND OLDIES



**FUNDRAISING CONCERT
FOR
ST JAMES UNITED CHURCH
OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**SUNDAY APRIL 12
2PM**

ST JAMES UNITED CHURCH 150 COLBORNE ST S SIMCOE

**ADMISSION IS FREE BUT MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER CONCERT

Bible Reading - March 29, 2026

Reader: March House

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Bible Reading - March 29, 2026

Reader: March House

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.