



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

First Sunday after Easter - April 12th 2026

Post Easter Communion

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

Worship Theme: **“Seeing IS Believing!”**

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are welcome to do so for your personal comfort and spiritual reflection. Your presence and in person participation enriches us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together through this Easter Season; a time of praise, worship and fellowship!

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus' friends huddle together behind locked doors.
But Jesus enters saying, "Peace be with you!"

People: **And they rejoice in this Good News!**
Jesus shares with them the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Leader : With these gifts, their faith is renewed and Jesus calls others to follow Him.

ALL: Today, we shall once again celebrate this blessing of “Our sacred connection with Jesus” and serving in this fellowship with the direction of God’s Holy Spirit!

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 633 “Bless now, O God, the Journey”**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

For all who have come here today seeking a risen Lord, for all who have come looking for peace of mind, which they thought they had lost, for all those who have come wanting to be set free from the things that bind you: Rejoice! These are the days of “Easter Discovery, the center of our lives as Christian people!” On this day we celebrate the realities of The Empty Tomb, The Empty Cross, the appearances of The Risen Christ, and our God, who is imparting forgiveness, love and compassion.

(Brief Silence)

Words of Assurance: (unison)

Together we continue on this faith journey as an Easter people, knowing that the Risen Christ walks with us. Thanks be to God as we sing and pray together. Amen.

Psalter **VU# 874 Psalm 150** “Praise God with the sound of trumpet” (with refrain) *Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.*

DESIRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH - WE LISTEN

Family Hymn: **VU# 396** “Jesus, Stand among Us”

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lesson:

John 20:19-31 “Jesus appears to the disciples and Thomas”

Lay Reader: April House – Phyllis Jones

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **“Our Faith Journey - - Carries Us Beyond Our Doubts!”**

Reverend Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”**

Offertory Prayer (**unison**)

Great God, You have given us new life and hope!

In joyous thanksgiving, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent and money. We pray that this Astounding News of Easter Hope and New Life may be shared with others throughout the world. This we do in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: May God be with us.

People: God is here among us

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God.

People: We open them to God and to one another.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

Hymn: **VU# 459 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”**
(Verses 1 to 3)

Gathering Prayer: (leader)

We praise you loving God, for creating all things, - - -

Remembering Jesus at the Table

“Serving of the Bread

Leader: The body of Christ is broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God for the bread of life

“Serving of the Wine”

Leader: Jesus Christ is the true vine.

People: Thanks be to God for this cup of blessing!

Post Communion Prayer (unison)

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life-blessing we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark upon us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of clearer vision and faithful actions. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn **VU# 459 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”**

(vs. 4&5)

Benediction:

Postlude Music:

Next Sunday April 19th We will be celebrating “Earth Sunday.”

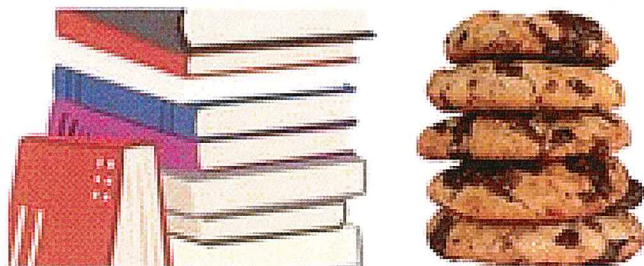
April 12 - 2:00 pm **Heart N Soul Fundraising Concert.** Freewill Offering.

Amicitia Unit will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm in the Muriel Bridge Romm.

Council will meet on Tuesday, April 28 at 1 pm in the Muriel Bridge Roomm

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

Bible Reading - APRIL 12, 2026
Reader: April House - Phyllis Jones

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed

are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.