



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Third Sunday After Easter April 26th 2026
10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship Together
Good Shepherd Sunday
Worship Theme: Share what we have with Creation.
“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD’S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated for the service are welcome to do so. Your presence with us here enriches us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together through this Season of Creation, a time of sharing Praise, Worship and Fellowship!

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the name of God!

**All: Life bursts forth in the beauty of creation;
Life arises from the darkness of despair.**

Leader: Hope abides in the promises given;
Joy springs forth and sadness ends.

**All: Strength is found to face every tomorrow.
God’s wholeness brings healing to all.**

Leader: The world and all that is in it,
glows with the glory of God!

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 574 “Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful
Love”**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Creator God, Giver of goodness and mercy: We come to this time of worship praising you! Your love embraces us, your goodness supports us, your steadfastness is the grounding of our hope. Console, guide, and empower us to be your faithful people. This we ask in the name of your healing, liberating, chosen One: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Liberator. Amen.

DESIRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH - WE LISTEN

Family Hymn: **VU# 579 “The Church is Wherever God’s People”**

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lesson:

VU# 747 (Sing) Psalm 23 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

John 10:11-18 “Jesus the good shepherd knows his sheep”

* Acts 2:42- 47 “The believers share everything in common”

Lesson Reader: Phyllis Jones

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **“God’s Awesome Presence Is Our Shepherd!”**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 678 “For the Healing of the Nations”**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #541 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of abundant life and wonders beyond number: Grant that our offerings might be acceptable in your sight. Fill us with the Spirit of your Risen Christ, that we might be the new creations you call and empower us to be. Amen.

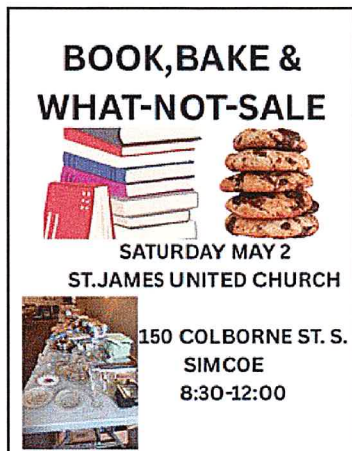
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn **VU# 260 "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness "**

Benediction:

Postlude Music:

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



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

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

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

Donations of books, baked goods and what- nots (small items that fit on a table) are appreciated.

Stewardship Meeting - May 4 at 5 pm - Muriel Bridge Room

SAVE THE DATE - June 9 at 7 pm. Men and women welcome. Guest speaker: Brad OPP - Topic: Scams

Let Jody know if you can attend by June 1. 519-426-9823 or email: crossmahoney@bell.net

Bible Reading - APRIL 26, 2026
Reader: April House - Phylis Jones

John 10:11-18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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Acts 2:42- 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.