



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

St. James United Church Family in Worship
Second Sunday after Easter 10:30am. - May 4th 2025
Worship Theme: "Mental Health Sunday"
"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings, and Direction.

Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are welcome to do so for your personal comfort and spiritual reflection. Your presence and complete participation enriches us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together through this Easter Season. May this be a time of praise, worship and fellowship for all of us!

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

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

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

**All: Strength is found to face every tomorrow.
God's wholeness and healing bring growth for all!**

Hymn of Praise **VU#356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"**

Prayer of Approach: **(unison)**

We gather as followers of Jesus, who embodied love and showed us how to be the very presence of God. May our faith deepen beyond the pattern of daily routine to become the life-long story that we tell with every breath of our living. This prayer we offer in the name of Jesus, who taught his followers to pray together saying: "Our Father who art in heaven" **(unison)**

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH : WE LISTEN

Psalter: VU# 757 Psalm 30 "God turned my mourning into dancing"
(with refrain)

Family Hymn: **VU# 289 "It Only Takes a Spark"**

Family Focus: This morning we gather as a Church Family with these invited guests to celebrate the sacrament of Infant Baptism for James William Ckendinning Barta, son of Anthony and Kristen Barta.

Scripture Lessons:

John 21:1-19 "Jesus appears to the disciples"

Acts 9:1-6 "Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus"

Lay Reader: May House –

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: "Fascination With The Growing Edge!"
Reverend Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: **VU# 603 "In Loving Partnership We Come"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Generous God, we offer You today all that we are and all that we have. We offer You the labor of our hands, the vision of our minds, the love of our hearts, and hope for a better world. Bless these gifts, and bless us as we continue our growth in body, mind and Spirit. In Jesus, name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU # 624 “Give To Us Laughter”**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

We are thankful to the people of May House for providing refreshments in The Muriel Bridge Room following the organ postlude music.

On line banking is Available: Donations may be made to St. James at stjamesbanking@gmail.com

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SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

May 11th 10:30 am - Mother's Day / Christian Family Sunday

May 18th 10:30 am - Victoria Day Weekend

June 8th 10:30am - Pentecost Sunday

SUMMER SERCICES

For July and August Sundays this year, St. James UC. & Colborne Village UC. will be worshipping together in a shared worship format.

