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Sunday - May 18th 2025
Fourth Sunday after Easter
10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship
Worship Theme: "Our Glimpse into the Future"
"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING JESUS - 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 full participation enriches us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together throughout this Easter Season. May this be a time of praise, worship and fellowship for all of us!

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Leader: Our God is a God of abundance, our source of grace
without limit.

**All: Blessings abound for each of us, blessings abound
for all of us.**

Leader: Without limit, God pours out His love upon us.
Without measuring our limits, we respond as we share.

**All: Our God is a wonderful God, whose mercies endure
forever!**

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 222 "Come, Let Us Sing"**

Prayer of Approach

Revealing God, You walk among us unseen; open our eyes.
Calling, inviting God, You speak to us in a variety of unheard ways;
open our ears. Stretching, challenging God, You push us to widen

our circle of responsibility; touch the depths of our caring. Use our eyes and ears and emotions to provide a "Welcome at Your Table" for those who don't receive an invitation. We need their presence among us to be fully human, to be your diverse family. Bring us together, as we enter into worship. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH : WE LISTEN

United Church; A New Creed **VU# 918** (unison)

"We are not alone, we live in God's world."

Family Hymn: **VU# 310 "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"**

FAMILY FOCUS: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

John 13: 31-35 "A new commandment: love one another."

Revelation 21: 1-6 "I saw a new heaven and a new earth"

Lay Reader: May House – Angus Macleod

Music Reflection: Diane Stewart

Message: **"Sneaking A Peak - - - Into the Future!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 713 "I See a New Heaven"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 538 "For the Gift of Creation"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Generous God, we offer You today all that we are and all that we have. We offer You the labour 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 follow Your way of life. In Jesus, name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Hymn **VU# 242 "Let All Things Now Living"**

Benediction

Postlude Music

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

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE

June 8th 10:30am - Pentecost Sunday

SUMMER SERVICES:

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED: Colborne Village Church invites you to come and hear their guest speaker - Maureen Russell On May 31 at 10:00 am. Topic: New Hospice in Port Dover. Refreshments to follow. Call Joan Barnes if you plan on attending 519-426-2007.

AMICITIA UNIT: Tuesday June 10 - 7:00PM UCW will be hosting guest speaker Lyndsey Ross talking about her expanded business Absolute Home care, Coffee and Goodies afterwards. All women are invited to attend. We are extending an invitation to St. Paul's Presbyterian and Colborne Village Women. Let Jody know if you are able to attend.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday July 8 lunch at Riverside 11:30AM and Tuesday August 12 dinner at The Barrel. 5:30PM as a social time for women.

STRAWBERRIES after church June 22. Fundraiser as strawberries will be for sale.

Bible Reading - May 18, 2025
Reader: May House - Angus Macleod

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.