



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday May 17th 2026
10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship
Sixth Sunday After Easter
Worship Theme: **“Renewing the Community”**
“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 during the service are invited to do so for your personal comfort and spiritual reflection. Please join together in the Muriel Bridge Room for a time of visiting and refreshments following the benediction and postlude music!

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as disciples of Jesus to rejoice in what God has done.

**All: Our God whose power and presence shone in Jesus,
is with us still, to help us seek justice, resist evil,
and find the pathway to more abundant living.**

Leader: We are a blessed people, called to bless the world that God so loves.

**All: All honor and glory and praise be to our God.
Let us join together in worship!**

Hymn of Praise: **401 “Worship the Lord”**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, we are like seeds; You are the sun, the rain, and the rich soil. If we protect ourselves from Your life-initiating power, we cease to grow. We confess that we are afraid to let go of who we are, for fear that we will be changed. We embrace that which is familiar, cling to the old ways, and are bound by traditions of the past. Forgive us for our lack of trust; open us, to Your life-giving source of power. Lead us Heavenly Father; lead us. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lesson:

John 17: 1-11 "Jesus prays for his Disciples"

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Cast your cares on God. Be alert.

Lay Reader: Zeke Gulabsingh

Choir Anthem: "Together We Rise" - VC Johnson

Tuko pamoja: We are together

Tuna imani: We have faith

Message: "Life in Community – Under Construction! What Next?"

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 701** "What Does the Lord Require of You"

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)

You have gifted each of us God – some with spontaneity, an observant eye, or warm compassion and friendly personalities. Bless all our gifts in such a manner that the Way of Jesus may be advanced in our faith community and throughout the world. Amen.

Offertory Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn **VU# 510 “We Have This Ministry”**

Benediction:

Postlude Music:

A special welcome to the visitors and friends who have joined us this morning. You are invited to gather in the Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship following the worship service.

Guest speaker from the OPP on Scams Tuesday June 9 at 7:00 pm light refreshments. All Welcome. RSVP by June 1 to Jody.

Tuesday June 16 at 8-9:00 pm on Zoom information on the story of Ruth. Zoom meeting led by Ruth scholar Enid Pottinger of Hamilton.

Saturday June 27 at 7:30 pm - Arcady-Ruth. Tickets \$40.00. Information on poster. Tickets at the Church office as well.

Shared Summer Worship Schedule for July and August 2026 - (All worship services are at 10:30 am) We will be at St. James for the month of July and at Colborne Village United Church for the month of August.

Bible Reading - May 17, 2026
Reader: May House - Zeke Gulabsingh



John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.