



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Day of Pentecost - Sunday May 24th 2026

Different Birthday Party for Our Church

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

Worship Focus: **“The Power and Mystery of Pentecost!”**

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM - 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 organ postlude.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Unison) *

We light this candle as a symbol of the presence of Christ, known to us through the stories we share, experienced by us through the gathered community, and present to us in the gentle flickering flame – symbolic of the Spirit of Christ that brightens our daily living pattern!

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear the rushing wind of God's Spirit!

Feel the moving force of the Creator within.

Know the love of Jesus and your neighbor.

Sense the call of God again!

**All: We are called to worship, called to care,
called to love! We have come to
experience the power and mystery of
God's Spirit at work among us today!**

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Loving God, we thank You for today. And for that day, long ago, when You poured yourself out, in a new and marvelous way, to renew your people and your creation. We thank you for reaching out to us in ways that surprise us and even shock us.

We confess that sometimes we have trouble loving our neighbors. Often, we do not understand others – their languages, their customs, their lifestyles – and so we build walls that keep us apart. Misunderstanding fills us with fear, and keeps us from being the loving, caring people that You want us to be. Forgive us we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God's Spirit comes to break down our walls of indifference and enables us to reach out to one another with love.

Through Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Scripture Lesson: Lay Reader: Zeke Gulabsingh

Acts 2:1-21 "The Spirit is present with the disciples"

Romans 8: 22-27 "The spirit prays for us"

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: "A VERY DIFFERENT BIRTHDAY PARTY!"

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 396** "Jesus, Stand among Us"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of abundant life and wonders beyond counting; grant that our offering might be acceptable in Your sight. Fill us with the Spirit, that we might be the new creations You call and empower us to be. Amen.

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn **VU# 371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

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.

Bible Reading - May 24, 2026
Reader: May House - Zeke Gulabsingh

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.