



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday - June 1st 2025

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

Sixth Sunday after Easter – Environment Sunday

Theme: “Actions Speak Louder Than Words!”

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD’S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings, and Direction.
The Life and Work of this St. James Church Family – 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. May this be a time of praise,
worship and fellowship for all of us.

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

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

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

Leader: We are a blessed people, called to bless this world,
And these people who God loves so much.

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

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 595 “We Are Pilgrims”**

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.

Assurance of Pardon and the Lord's Prayer

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH : WE LISTEN

Psalter: **VU# 817 Psalm 97 "God reigns; let the earth be glad"**

Family Hymn: **VU # 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Acts 16:16-34 **"Paul and Silas are freed from prison"**

John 17:20-26 **"Jesus prays that they all may be one"**

Lay Reader: Bill Easdown

Choir Anthem: **"Behold The Lord of Love"**

- P Choplin

Chorus Response by Congregation – See Insert

Message: **"FAITH FAMILY – Lives with LOVE & HOPE!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 697 "O for a World"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

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

Offertory Prayer (**unison**)

You have gifted each of us God – some with spontaneous friendships, an observant eye, or warm compassion and loving personalities. Bless all our gifts so that the Ways of Jesus may be advanced in our Community of Faith and throughout the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Benediction

Postlude Music

Thank you to the people of June House for sharing hospitality and refreshments in the Muriel Bridge Room following the benediction and organ postlude.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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| June 8 th | 10:30am - 100 th Anniversary of United Church of Canada |
| June 15 | 10:30 - Honoring Rev. Barrie Bain for his 50 years of ministry with the United Church of Canada |

June 22 There weill be a Strawberry Social following the service

June 29 This being Rev. Barrie's last service until September,
we will enjoy a pot luck luncheon after the servvice.

SUMMER SERVICES - 10:30 am:

For the month of July, services will be at St. James and for the month of August, services will be at Colborne Village.

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

Please note: When using **pew envelopes** please write **your name** on the envelope.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

LADIES - 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.

A Celebration

On June 1st, Rev. Barrie Bain is celebrating 50 years as an Ordained Minister in The United Church of Canada!

AND

On June 14th – Jane Bain (Baxter) is being ordained at St. Andrew's United Church, 479 Upper Paradise Rd, Hamilton, ON at 4:00 p.m. You are welcome.

NOW WE CELEBRATE!!!

A THANK YOU CELEBRATION

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate Barrie's 50th Anniversary and I wish to express my thanks for your support of me on my ministry journey these past four years. Please join Barrie and myself on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 2 – 5 p.m. at Fairview United Church, 49 Wayne Drive, Brantford, ON.

Bible Reading - June 1/25
Reader: June House - Bill Easdown

John 17:20-26

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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Acts 16:16-33

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.