



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday June 28th 2026

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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: "Seek and You Shall Find!"

"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 with us in the Muriel Bridge Room for a time of visiting and refreshments following the benediction and organ postlude.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: Loving God, thank you for each person here today!

Thank You for these companions who travel with us
as our journey of faith takes us across this great
land of Canada!

**All: Show us Lord what You want us to do. We strive
to live in ways that are pleasing to You, our Creator.
This day is a gift from God; may we journey with Him
as Lord and Navigator. May we treasure our gift of life
and share it with others, whom we meet along the way.**

Hymn of Praise **VU# 226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Holy One, on this Sunday prior to Canada Day, we offer our thanksgiving for this land, that You have given us. This is a beautiful land and we are so privileged to live here. May God's name be praised across our great land, Canada. Not only when we gather for worship in our church, but in our homes, in our fields and gardens, on our city streets, and on the mountaintops. Praise to the Lord, now and always. Amen.

National Anthem: **"O Canada" VU#524**

(in all our lives command)

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU #732** Psalm 8 "O God, how glorious is your name"

Family Hymn: **VU# 624 "Give To Us Laughter"**

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 10: 37- 42 "The Flavor of hospitality"

Romans 6: 15-23 –"Dead to sin; alive in Christ"

Lay Reader: June House - John VanMaanen

Choir Anthem: **"Still I Sing Alleluia"** arr by K. Pederson

Message: **"THE TREASURE IS FOUND – Within Our People!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: **VU# 391 "God, Reveal Your Presence"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

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

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 of Your Risen Christ, that we might be the new creations You call and empower us to be. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU# **672 “Take Time to Be Holy”**

Benediction

Postlude Music and refreshments in the Muriel Bridge room

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.

HOLIDAYS -_Canada Day - July 1 - Office will be closed.

Rev. Barrie will be taking his unpaid summer vacation time from July 1 until August 26; as per the approved Horseshoe Falls Appointment. This appointment schedule has received approval by Rev. Barrie, and St. James Church Council. During the months of July and August, Rev. Brian Elder has agreed to act as Emergency Pastoral Care Minister for matters of this pastoral charge.

John and Ann will be on holidays June 29 & 30. During the month of July the office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (9 am to noon).

The ladies of the congregation are invited July 14, 12:30 for lunch at Riversyde 83. We would meet in the kitchen room. We would need your reservation a week ahead, so July 7.

Bible Reading - June 28, 2026
Reader: June House - John VanMaanen

Matthew 10: 37- 42

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

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Romans 6: 15-23

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.