



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday, June 29th 2025
St. James United Church Family in Worship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: "A Spirit of Determination!"

CANADA DAY SERVICE
"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and direction.
Persons wishing to remain seated during the service may do so with our blessing! 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!

The Life and Work of the St. James Church Family

Choral Opening: **VU# 524 "O Canada"** (congregation stand)

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

Leader: Loving God, thank you for each person here today!
Thank You for these companions who travel with us
along our journey of faith.

**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 this gift
of life and share it with others.**

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 639 “One More Step Along the World I Go”**

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Holy One, on this Sunday prior to Canada Day, we offer our Thanksgiving for this land, on which we are living. This is a beautiful land and we are so privileged to share our lifetime here with others. May God’s name be praised across our land Canada, not just 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.

SEEKING GOD’S TRUTH : WE LISTEN

Family Focus: Storyteller - Rev. Barrie

Family Hymn: **VU # 579 “The Church is Wherever God’s People”**

Scripture Lessons:

Luke 9: 51-62 “Foxes have holes; but - - -

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 “Called to freedom; the fruit of the Spirit”

Lay Reader: June House; John VanMaanen

Choir Anthem: **“I Can Do All Things Through Christ”** - M.Hayes

Message: “A Time For Change – Where’s My Bungee Chord?”

(Change Really Stretches Your Thinking)

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 227 “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

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 (**unison**)

Hymn: **VU# 424 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”**

Benediction

Postlude: Music

Please join together in The Muriel Bridge Room after the postlude music for a Pot Luck Luncheon.

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.

LADIES

Tuesday July 8 at 11:30 we are meeting for a lunch at Riversyde 83. We have invited the ladies of St. Paul's Presbyterian to join us. Please let me know ASAP if you plan on attending as I need to call in our number.

HOLIDAY: Ann and John will be taking a holiday day on Monday, June 30th. The answering machine will be available **for you to leave a message.**

The church office will be CLOSED on Canada Day - Tuesday, July 1st

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.

CONTACT LIST

We will be updating to our contact list to include email address. Please complete the form below and place it on the collection plate or drop it off at the church office.

NAME: _____
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Bible Reading - June 29/25
Reader: June House - John VanMaanen

Luke 9: 51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.