



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

July 20, 2025 - 10:30 am.
St. James & Colborne Village United Churches
Families in Worship
Guest: Ron Mullin
"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

Gathering Hymn: VU #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God
Almighty"

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings, and Direction.

A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping at St. James for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence enriches us as we gather to celebrate God's presence this morning. Persons wishing to remain seated for the service are welcome to do so with our blessing.

Call to Worship: (2 Chronicles 7:14-15 NIV) *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."*

Responsive Reading

ALL: God's love is embracing each one of us on this day.

Leader: Look at one another and see where God has hidden great treasure, to be discovered and shared.

ALL: **We celebrate with joy and thanksgiving, the
blessing that God's love is with each one of us!**

Leader: Let thanks be given to God for all His wonderful
 gifts!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: VU #326 **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Prayer of Approach (**unison**)

God, You are like a loving parent to us. Your amazing grace and abundant love bring a sense of sparkle and hope into our lives. We bear your image within us all our days. We come in worship to offer our praises and gratitude. Receive our uniting hearts, and bless us with Your strengthening presence, and renew us for ongoing ministry with this St. James United Community of Faith. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

Musical Selection: Diane Stewart

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

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 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

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: **VU# 635, All The Way My Saviour Leads Me**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4.1-16

MESSAGE: Ron Mullin

God Works in the Midst of Fellowship

Closing Hymn **#602 Blessed be The Tied That Binds**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

Plan to join with us for refreshments and fellowship in the Muriel Bridge Room following the service. Thanks to members and friends of July & August House for offering generous hospitality for this gathering time!

CHURCH OFFICE - SUMMER HOURS: During July & August the church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to noon. Voice mail is available 519-428-2611.

ON LINE BANKING is available for your convenience. Donations may be made online at stjamesbanking@gmail.com

VACATION TIME: Rev. Barrie will be taking his unpaid summer vacation time from July 1 until August 31st; 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. Brian can be reached at 519-429-8537 or 519-426-0478.

FROSTY FAIR will be here before you know it. Over the summer, knitters we need children's hats and mitts and yard sales we need good condition items for surprise packages or penny table.

Bible Reading - July 20/25

Reader: July House

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,
'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,

to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.