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## **ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH**

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### **STAFF:**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday, July 27, 2025  
**UCW WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE 100th  
ANNIVERSARY of the UNITED CHURCH of  
CANADA**

“Here I Am”

St. James & Colborne Village United Churches  
Families in Worship.

**“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”**

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS - WE JOURNEY  
TOGETHER**

Prelude Music:

**GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings, and  
Announcements.**

A warm welcome is extended to all. We extend a welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time, or who have returned after an extended time of absence. We especially welcome those from Colborne Village United Church. 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 blessings.

Introit: VU #400 **Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying**

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Creator God, You call.

**ALL: We come as others came before us.**

One: You call your people to do your work.

**ALL: We come to listen to your call.**

One: As our ancestors listened to your call to action one hundred years ago.

**ALL: Here we are.**

Opening Hymn: **VU #395 “Come In, Come In And Sit Down”**

Gathering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### **SEEKING GOD’S TRUTH: WE LISTEN**

Family Focus Hymn: **VU #352 “I Danced in the Morning”**

Family Focus

Scriptures:

Samuel 3: 1-19

Matthew 10: 5-15

Reflection: **“Here We Are!”**

Hymn: **VU #509 “I, the Lord of Sea & Sky”**

### **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND**

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

Music Selection - Diane Stewart

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #332 **"The Church's One Foundation"**

Commissioning

Closing Prayer (**Unison**)

**And now, go with us, God, into the days ahead.  
Strengthen us for peace. Give us wisdom, keep us  
humble, and may we live and work together, and so  
striving, build a new and better world for tomorrow.  
Amen.**

Sending: Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love**

Postlude:

A special welcome to the visitors and friends who have joined us this morning. Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Muriel Bridge Room following the worship service.

**VACATION TIME:** Rev. Barrie will be taking his unpaid summer vacation time from July 1 until August 31<sup>st</sup>; 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.

**ON LINE BANKING** is available for your convenience. Donations may be made online at [stjamesbanking@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesbanking@gmail.com)

**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.

Ladies from both congregations are invited for a social time Tuesday, August 12 at 5:30 pm at The Barrel. Please let Jody know if you are able to attend. Email: [crossmahoney@bell.net](mailto:crossmahoney@bell.net) or see her after Church.

**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 27/25

Reader: July House

### Matthew 10:5-15

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

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Reader: July House

### 1 Samuel 3:1-19

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.



Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.