



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday September 14th 2025

**10:30am. St. James United Church Family Gathers
14th Sunday after Pentecost: "Creation Time Begins"
Worship Theme: "Inspire Us to Work for
Transformation!"**

May this be a time of blessing!
"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

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

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Persons wishing to remain seated during the service may do so with our blessing! Your presence and full participation blesses 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. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Muriel Bridge Room following the organ postlude.

Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship: - **(Responsive)**

Leader: Come and rejoice! For God is here with us.

All: Let us join our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Leader: For we are unconditionally loved by God,
throughout our whole lifetime.

**All: These three remain: faith, hope and love,
and the greatest of these is love; just as we are,
for who we are. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Praise VU #356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Prayer of Approach (unison)

God of Creation, ever-creating God, You are always at work within us, changing us, reshaping us and our faith, opening our hearts and minds to many ways of knowing You. Act upon us we pray, in this time of worship, and in the midst of our everyday living patterns, reminding us of the gifts of creation and whose we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

**Psalter : VU# 736 Psalm 15 "A dweller within God's holy place"
with refrain**

Family Hymn: VU # 605 "Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold"

Family Focus: Special Memories

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 "In times of desolation, the earth shall
mourn"

Luke 15: 1-10 "Parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin"

Lesson Reader: September House

Musical Selection: St. James Choir

**Message: 3 Ts of Transformation: Time, Talent & Teamwork!
Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching**

Hymn VU #568 "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of abundant life and generosity beyond counting; grant that our hands and our hearts might proclaim Good News in times of challenge and adversity. We are seeking a vision of restoration and renewal that touches the life pulse for all of God's people. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Hymn: **VU #602 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

THE SEPTEMBER HOUSE INVITES YOU to The Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

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

Fair Parking - Oct 7-14 - If you are available to help speak to Bill Easdown. Sign up sheets in the Muriel Bridge Room.

Refer to the your September calendar for regularly scheduled events

Bible Reading - September 14/25
Reader: September House

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

‘For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.’

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.
I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.
I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation;
yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,

and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed;

I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'