



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday September 20th 2026 **CREATION TIME 2**

10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: **“Our Journey of Creating – A People of God!”**

“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. Your presence with us here enriches our time of fellowship as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together throughout this Season of Creation, a time of Praise, Worship and Sacred Partnerships!

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: It is a mystery, O God, Your creation of this wonderful world.

ALL: We come before You, thankful for the gift of life!

Leader: It is a mystery, O God, Your presence known by the Israelite people of Moses and Aaron in ancient days.

ALL: We come before You as a chosen people.

Leader: It is a mystery, O God, “The revelation of Your generous love for all humankind.”

ALL: We come before You, as those persons, whose faithful example of Jesus Christ!

READING OF THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hymn of Praise **VU# 288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

Prayer of Approach: (*unison*)

We stand in awe of Your Wonder, O God. We are humbled that You choose to be in relationship with us. You call us by name to be members of your Family! Open our ears to hear your voice speaking directly to us this day. You are calling us to see the goodness that surrounds us. Open our hearts to the mending of relationships in our daily living patterns. Guide us always into God's ways of peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU #828** Psalm 105 (part 1 with refrain)
 "Make known what God has done"

Hymn for Celebrating the Sacrament of Belonging
 VU# 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:
 Exodus 16:2-15 "Bread and quails to feed the people"

Matthew 20:1-16 "Daily wages for laborers"
 Lesson Reader: September House – Sharon LeGros

Music Selection: **"As the Deer"** - Iszac Hesketh

Message: **"RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS – TRANSFORM US!"**
 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 Music:

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”**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Music Selection:

Proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for Fellowship and refreshments,
With thanks to the volunteers from September House!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fair Parking - Oct. 6-12 Closer to the time Bill will have a sign up sheet.

Frosty Fair - Nov. 14, 8:30-12. Your donations for the general store, jewellery, penny table, blind auction, knitting , surprise packages and baked goods will be needed. Items can be brought to the church anytime. For surprise packages anything is good but we are lacking in things for men.

Eising Craft Sale - Nov. 16-21. It is a week long this year

St. James Church Fundraiser - A Christmas Carol by Stephen Bourne Dec. 5 7:00PM. Freewill Offering. Help will be needed for light refreshments.

Posters for all this are made and are on the shelf outside the office. Please take and pass around Norfolk County.

MEETING DATES

Council - Tuesday , September 22, 1:00 pm, MBR

Stewardship Committee - Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5:30 pm, MBR

Bible Reading - September 20, 2026
Reader: September House

Matthew 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.” ’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.” ’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.