



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - October 12th 2025
Creation Time 6 – In the Season of Pentecost
10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship
Worship Theme: “LIVING BREAD – GOD BE WITH US!”
“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING THE COMPANY OF JESUS - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated for 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 gathering for all of us. You are invited to join with us for refreshments and visiting in the Muriel Bridge Room after the organ postlude.

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

Leader: We gather here this morning to share in ***The Harvest Homecoming!***

People: **We are surrounded by the beauty and bounty of the earth.**

Leader: We gather with our hearts and minds filled with gratitude, as our senses take in all that we've received.

People: **The warm embrace of our church family; the sight of Thanksgiving decorations in this sanctuary worship space, The inviting aroma of turkey and fresh-baked pumpkin pie; the sound of wild geese overhead and the crunch of leaves beneath our feet, plus the anticipation of a feast that awaits.**

Leader: For these bountiful blessings, in praise and
thanksgiving,
People: ***Let us worship God!***

Hymn of Praise: **VU # 516 “Come, You Thankful People Come”**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We greet You this day, dear God, with hearts and minds
“Blessed with Thanksgiving” – for the beauty of creation, for the
love of family and friends, for the harvest and enough to share,
for the gift of Jesus, for the gift of Your Spirit, for the times of
giving in return. Forgive us when we forget to give thanks, or
when we use Your gifts carelessly, or when we keep Your gifts
just for ourselves. Inspire us to be so joyful in this Spirit of
Thanksgiving, that our hearts overflow with love and
compassion. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and the Lord’s Prayer (unison)

DESIRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU# 824** Psalm 100 “Make a Joyful Noise for God”

Conclude with Sung Response: VU# 820 Refrain only

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

***Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this
place with a song!***

Family Focus: Storyteller: **Rev. Barrie.**

Family Hymn: **VU #296 “This Is God’s Wondrous World”**

Scripture Lessons:

John 6:25-35 "Give us Bread from heaven for eternal life"

Philippians 4:4-9 "Think about these things"

Lay Reader: October House – Phyllis Jones

Choir Anthem: "**Joyful Thanksgiving**"

- JM Martin

Message: "***The Spirit of Thanksgiving - EMPOWERS US!***"

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

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

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Great God, You have given us new life and hope! In joyous thanksgiving, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent and money. We pray that this "Attitude of thanks and new life" can be shared with others throughout our world. This we do in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Blessing **VU#520 "We Plough the Fields"**

Benediction and Postlude Music:

THE OCTOBER 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

LET'S BE THANKFUL - For the month of October the Worship Committee requests that we each bring a non-parishable food item for the Caring Cupboard

Upcoming Events:

Amicitia Unit will be in the Muriel Bridge Room on Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm

Council will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 1 pm in the Muriel Bridge Room.

FROSTY FAIR: November 8

The UCW would like the congregation's help to prepare for the Frosty Fair by donating items for:the Bake Table would be much appreciated!!

Eising Sale - November 12-15

We are in need of mittens - (baby, toddler and small children), slippers (all sizes), dishcloths and other items.

Bible Reading - October 12/25
Reader: October House - Phyllis Jones

John 6:25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.