

# St. James United Church

May 3, 2015  
Easter V/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: Senior  
Music Director: Amy Dalziel

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**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

## Musical Prelude

## Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We come to worship bearing many things: burdens and joys, weariness as well as celebration.

**All: We come to worship seeking many things: comfort and strength, answers as well as questions.**

One: We come to worship hoping many things: peace for the world, hope for the future, life for all creation.

**All: Gather all of our gifts, our desires, and our hopes, and let them be our worship this day.**

### Opening Prayer: (together)

Overshadow us now, generous God, with the beauty and mystery of Your presence. Overshadow us and draw forth from us depth of feeling, truth of confession, power of conviction, as we worship and as we live as your people. Amen.

**Hymn:** *O Worship the King* 235

## Children's Time, The Circle Song & Passing the Peace

**Baptismal Hymn:** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* 644

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

### Presentation

### Parents' Baptismal Vows

#### Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed 918

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

#### Action of Baptism

**Jayden Matthew Lewis**, son of Kayla Collins & Dylan Lewis, and  
**Zoey Barbara Murphy**, daughter of Laura Elizabeth Greening & Paul George Murphy

#### Blessing: (together)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering

**Offertory Hymn:** *Grant Us, God, the Grace* 540

#### Offertory Prayer: (together)

Loving and gracious God, great is your faithfulness, great is your mercy, great is your love. We offer our gifts in gratitude for all you have given to us. We offer our gifts that others might come to know the wonders of Your love. Accept them, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Epistle:</b>	1 John 4: 7-21	
<b>Psalm:</b>	Responsive Psalm 22, parts 3&4	746
<b>Anthem :</b>	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	Choir
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 15 : 1-8	
<b>Hymn:</b>	<i>The Church Is Wherever God's People</i>	579

### Sermon

### Prayers of the People

<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	333
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### Blessing & Sending Forth

### Musical Postlude

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### Ushering this week is provided by:

<b>Usher in Charge:</b>	Maxine Rose
<b>Greeters:</b>	Shirley Bursey, Joan Barbour
<b>Ushers:</b>	Glenda Butt, Barbara Tulk, Barbara Butt, Sylvia Cole

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