

St. James United Church

July 5, 2015

6th Sunday after Pentecost/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Music Director: Amy Dalziel
Musical Presentation: Glenda Winsor

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Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: A new morning dawns. A new month starts.

All: Re-creation begins.

One: A first note is sung. A first prayer is offered.

All: Re-creation begins.

One: God offers new discoveries, introductions and opportunities.

All: Praise God for another new morning!

Opening Prayer: (responsive)

One: We are about to start anew. This is what God encourages us to do, to start anew with courage and laughter in our very being. So let us once more come before God in our prayer for new beginnings. Let us pray:

All: Great Spirit, we find it difficult to start new ventures. At first we say, "We can't do that!" or we say "I am not willing or able to start something new." Yet we are called to new things every day. Holy Spirit, stand by us when the time comes to start new ventures. Fill our very being with courage and wisdom and a joyful heart today. Amen.

Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* 559

Celebrating Relationships: The Circle Song, Passing of the Peace & Children's Time

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 this child 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 this child 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

Ruth Elaine Baggs, daughter of Hope Elizabeth Jamieson Baggs and Jeffrey Charles Baggs.

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: *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place* Glenda Winsor
(MV 29)

Offertory Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision, Verse 4* 642

Offertory Prayer: (together)

These gifts are a powerful statement. We want to make a difference in our faith community. We want to make a difference in our neighborhood. We want to make a difference in our world. Accept them and bless them, O God. Turn these gifts into practical actions for good. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm: Responsive Psalm 48 772
Solo : *Your Voice* Glenda Winsor
Gospel: Mark 9 : 2-9
Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 211

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* 481

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Betty & Ross Pilgrim
Greeters: Shirley Bursey, Joan Barbour
Ushers: Glenda Butt, Barbara Tulk, Barbara Butt, Sylvia Cole

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