

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
a cherished father, **Eric Paul**,
from Nancy and Anthony:

“Forever thankful for his love and guidance.”

And

in loving memory of
Reubena (Ruby) Soper, June 17th, 2006

from Rodney & Annie Soper:

“Sweet memories live forever.”

St. James United Church

June 18, 2017/2nd after Pentecost/Father’s Day/Aboriginal Sunday

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist: Bob Rose
Soloist: Yohei Sakai

We acknowledge the First Peoples’ stewardship of this land on which we worship.
St. James is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed,
gender, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life and Work of St. James

Lighting the Community Candle

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As we gather in this holy space, we remember and recall the faith of our
fathers and mothers.

**All: We remember their dedication to the mission and ministry of the church.
We recall with love, joy and thanksgiving their dedication on the Christian
journey.**

One: As we worship today, may we be the continuation of all that they held holy.

Opening Prayer: (together) Abba, Daddy, Loving Father, Caring Mother, Holy
Creator, thank You for inviting us, welcoming us, loving us. We open our arms for

Your embrace. We open our hearts for Your love. We open our minds for Your
instruction. We open our lives for Your presence. We come to laugh, to sing, to
love, to build ever-deeper relationships with You. Amen.

Hymn: *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* 240

Children’s Time

Hymn: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* 291

Minute for Mission: Truth and Reconciliation from Canada to El Salvador

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Offertory Dedication: (together) God of our Father and our Mother, we offer You
these gifts today with love. They are not ties; they are not electric drills or ride-
on –mowers. But we think You will like them. These gifts are our time, our
talents, our hearts of faith, and our hard-earned money, too. These gifts are for
the things You love; Your people, Your church, Your world. Bless them and see
that they get used for good purposes. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 8 732

Solo: Yohei Sakai

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Hymn: *We Are Pilgrims* 595

Meditation

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* 512

Commissioning and Benediction followed by Musical Postlude

