

**St. James United Church**  
**~ All are welcome here ~**

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*You are invited to change words in the prayers and hymns  
to fit your faith expression.*

**Order of Service - September 26, 2021**  
**Celebrating Our Faith**

**Prelude**

**Acknowledgement of Land. (Unison)**

**We acknowledge we are all treaty people living on Treaty 4 land. We give thanks for the land and those who were the original stewards - the Cree, Saulteaux, Lakota, Dakota, Nakota nations in Southern Saskatchewan as well as the Metis. We give thanks for one another. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation as indigenous and non-indigenous siblings.**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

Come and seek the ways of wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

**Call To Worship (Bill Steadman Gathering p. 33 Pentecost 2, 2018) Responsive**

We come in worship to remember people of faith from the past  
and to celebrate the call we have received in the present.

**We are part of a church whose traditions run deep.**

We come in worship to find new insight for the journey ahead.

**We are part of a church whose vision is alive and vibrant.**

We come to worship and to gain the courage to speak  
alongside those who face injustice.

**We are part of a church whose impact spreads far and wide.**

We come to remember those who are lost and alone,  
and to hear anew the call to act with justice and fairness.

**We are part of a church whose concerns are visionary and evident to all.**

We come to hear the stories of the faith and to share that faith with others.

## **We Pray Together**

**Lighting of the Anniversary Candles (unison)**

**We light these candles as a symbol of our faith...**

**our willingness to open our minds to challenge long held ideas,**

**our dedication to developing a caring community;**

**and our determination to work for a world of peace and freedom.**

**Opening Hymn** MV 12. Come Touch Our Hearts. (V 1-4)

## **Prayer for Renewal**

**Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

Like the tree whose roots grow deep and wide

So is the assurance of that amazing love that holds us.

**It is a love that goes deep, anchoring us securely.**

**It is a love that flows freely, bearing life to and from us. Amen**

**Choir Anthem** MV42 **Praise God for This Holy Ground**

**Children's Time** **Orange Shirt Day.**

**Hymn.** MV 173. Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

**We Seek Understanding of Scripture (unison)**

**Holy One, open us to your ways.**

**Help us to hear the message of the ages.**

**Call us through the words of these age-old texts**

**that we may find ways to respond in our day to this ancient call.**

**Today's Psalm 121. P 844**

**Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8**

**Words of Wisdom (Jan Berry Harvest For The World, by Geoffrey Duncan, 2002) Responsive**

Wisdom is speaking with words of longing

For peaceful living under clear skies,

For growing crops and water fit to drink,

For just wages and fair prices in exchange for goods.

**Wisdom is speaking in the voice of the poor:**

**Forgive us when we have failed to hear and to understand.**

Wisdom is speaking with words of challenge;  
Inviting us to penitence in place of self-righteousness,  
Calling us to move from sympathy to solidarity,  
Demanding justice rather than charity.

**Wisdom is speaking in the voice of the poor:  
Forgive us when we have failed to hear and to understand.**

Wisdom is speaking with words of comfort;  
Offering forgiveness for our greed and affluence,  
Assuring us that our reckless rush to devastation  
Can be halted and our care of the earth restored.

**Wisdom is speaking in the voice of the poor:  
Forgive us when we have failed to hear and to understand.**

Wisdom is speaking with words of hope;  
Promising us that we and the earth can be one,  
Inspiring us with faith in the power of people working together,  
Giving us a new vision of partnership and cooperation.

**Wisdom is speaking in the voice of the poor:  
Forgive us when we have failed to hear and to understand.  
Help us to hear and understand  
That we may share the love of God with the poor.**

### **Reflection: Creating Change Together**

**We Sing in Response** VU 624. Give To Us Laughter.

### **Call to offering**

#### **Offertory Hymn VU 227 (v 2)**

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, Love's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, Hope's will is done.

#### **Offertory Prayer**

We offer what we are able to give.  
We give in thankfulness for all that we have.  
May our offerings find places of want, so justice may be done and love and peace  
extended by our actions. Amen

### **We Pray In Thanksgiving and Hope**

**Closing Hymn.** MV 209. Go, Make A Difference

## **Blessing As We Leave**

### **Choral Response MV 215. Peace Be With You (2x)**

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