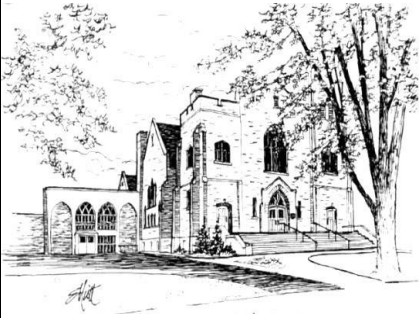


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Happy Easter - New Members – Piano Dedication

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***Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE / WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH / INTROIT

WE GATHER

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Iris Muir

“We respectfully acknowledge that St. James is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations. Our St. James congregation respectfully acknowledges that these Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.”

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***GATHERING SONG**

Joy Comes with the Dawn

VU#166

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Refrain:

**Joy comes with the dawn; joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.**

1. Weeping may come; weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. **R**
2. Sorrow will turn, sorrow will turn into song,
and God’s laughter make us strong. **R**
3. We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. **R**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Maeve O’Neill

Dora White, Easter Gathering, 2021 (adapted for use at St. James United Church)

CALL TO CELEBRATION *(responsive)*

Rev. Allan

One: Once bound to a cross,

All: now here in new life!

One: Once held back by corrupt leaders,

All: Now free to lead by compassion and love.

One: Once deserted by his friends,

All: Now at the centre of this faith community.

One: Once left in utter loneliness,

All: Now in the hearts and lives of many.

One: Jesus is with us!

All: Halleluiah!

OPENING PRAYER (*responsive*)

Rev. Allan

One: God of new life, we look around expecting death, but instead we see new life!

All: Resurrections are everywhere!

One: Hope abounds, expectations are high and faith abides.

All: We see lives being transformed, fear being replaced with confidence, and new possibilities taking share.

One: We give thanks for the good news of abundant life!

We join together in saying a paraphrase of the Prayer of Jesus...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*A paraphrase - spoken in unison*)

VU#916

Rev. Allan

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come to earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOMING NEW PEOPLE TO THE ST. JAMES FAMILY

Bev Lane

Vaneesa Flood

Danny Bronson

John Hogan

DEDICATION OF PIANO *In Loving Memory of Cliff Weaver, by his wife Susan Weaver*
Words of Dedication

***HYMN**

How Great Thou Art (one of Cliff's favourites)

VU#238, vs. 1,2,4

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1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **R**

Unveiling of Plaque and Memories of Cliff

***HYMN** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (one of Cliff's favourites)*

Songs of the Gospel, Canec Publishing and Supply House, Don Mills, Ontario

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and the time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

**When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is call called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. **R**

Let us labour for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. **R**

THEME CONVERSATION *Easter According to Kids*

Southland Christian Church, @southland.church, March 27, 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdn1R90kX9A>

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development 2020

Loving God, help us to work together, to share what we have,
So that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world,
Where each of us becomes the best person we can be. Amen.

WE REFLECT

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Marney Horton

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

***SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *What Can I Do?*

MV#191

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What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Allan

WE GO FORTH

HYMN*The Strife is O'er***VU#159**

Words: From Latin 17th century, translated by Francis Pott. Music: William Henry Monk, from melody by Giovanni Palestrina.

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun, hallelujah!
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst, hallelujah!
3. He closed the ancient gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let songs of praise his triumph tell, hallelujah!
4. On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain, hallelujah!

BLESSING*Rev. Allan and Rev. Julie**

John O'Donohue - Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomroe Abbey (adapted for use at St. James United Church)

SUNG BLESSINGYou Shall Go Out with Joy***VU#884**

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap),
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap),
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE