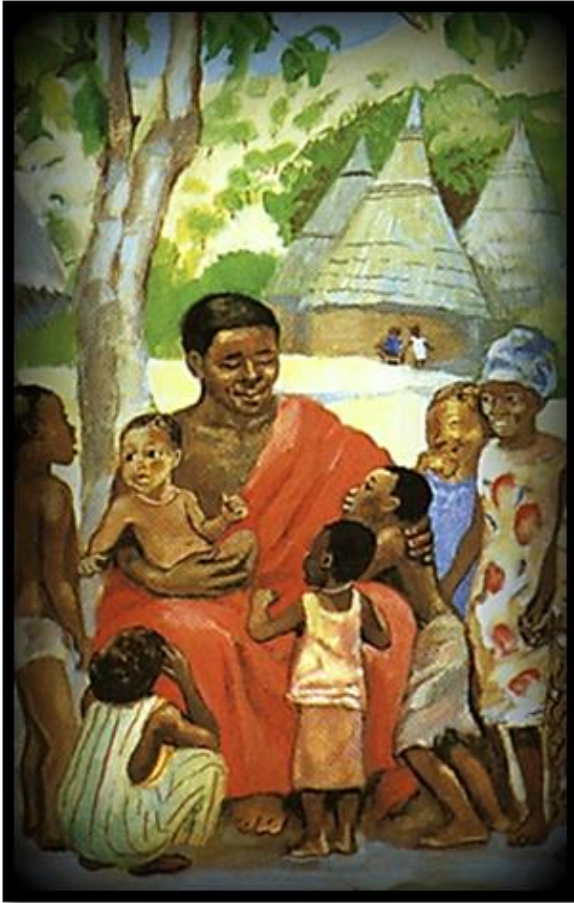


Summer Worship Together

**St. James'-Rosemount and
Trinity United Churches**



August 14, 2016

Old Stories ~ New Beginnings

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
are available: Please ask an usher.**

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Rainbow Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

We Gather in God's Hope

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

**Please rise in body or in spirit when you see this symbol*

Pre-worship Community Singing

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting the Christ Candle (based on Psalm 78: 1-3)

We gather now to worship you O God

**Your stories passed down
from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life,
a light and hope for all generations to come.**

* **Gathering Hymn** Sing Your Joy

VU 253

* **Opening Prayer**

Help us this morning Holy Wisdom
to always remember your unending relationship as our creator,
our liberator, our lover, and our savior.

**Help us share the stories of your love and healing
in our lives and in the lives of all generations.
Teach us how to listen to the stories of others so that
communities of love and hope may find strength and
new beginnings.**

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We ask these in the name of our Redeemer and Guide,
Jesus the Living Christ who taught us to pray in this way...

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Story Time

Listening to God's Word of Hope

Prayer of Brokenness

We are people chosen from our generations
to be witnesses to the power of God's creative and renewing
Spirit alive in the world today.

**The Spirit showers upon us the gifts of God's love -
yet we see them as our own gifts and talents.**

**The Spirit calls forth fruit from our lives -
yet we see them as our own achievements
and accomplishments.**

In claiming them as our own, we forget on whom we depend
for earthly and eternal life itself.

Forgive us.

Silence is kept

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon

The Good News is that through Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
freed to live lives full of grace with hearts and minds filled with
hope and courage for all God's time.

Response

Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU 371

Reading from the Scriptures

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11

Luke 4: 18

This is the witness of God's Holy people to all generations

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sharing God's Hope

Invitation to Offering Offertory

*** Offering Response**

**We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.**

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*** Dedication of the Offering**

Call to Prayers

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer

Prayer for the People

Living Hope in our City and World

*** Sending Hymn** To Abraham and Sarah

VU634

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

Please be seated

Postlude

Join us after the service for Gather 'n' Gab!

Worship Notes

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