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SUMMER ORDER OF WORSHIP for
July 11th, 25th, August 15th, 29th, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

***Hymn**

***Welcome / Bienvenue**

***Call to Worship**

Come apart to this place of rest and renewal;
Let your spirits rejoice in the presence of God.

We will sing of God's steadfast love for all people.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

God looks with favour on the humble and lowly.

God's covenant does not focus on rank or position.

God strengthens those who are weak.

The proud are scattered in the thoughts of their hearts.

Blessed are those who walk in God's light.

Blessed are all who say 'yes' to God's call.

Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God.

Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming.

***Response:** Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
(Sung) My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!
Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora!
Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

We bring our spiritual hungers to this place, O God, hoping to be fed. We bring our weariness, expecting to find rest for our souls. We bring our dullness, asking that we might be alerted to those things that you consider important. We come because we want the scattered fragments of our lives to come together in a meaningful wholeness. You have promised to be with us. Reveal yourself to us here, we pray in the name of One who came to share our common lot. Amen.

Music Selection

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Gracious God, in whom all things are possible, we confess that we have doubted what we cannot explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership more than giving praise through stewardship. We have neglected to thank you, either in good times or when you have supported us during days of uncertainty. We have resisted the newness you offer. Forgive us we pray, for installing ourselves as reigning deities. Lead us, rather, in paths of trust and obedience.

.....Silent Prayer. Amen.

Words of Comfort

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Reflection

***Hymn**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Music Selection

***The Offertory:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, One. (#541)

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Our best we give to you, loving God, for you have given your best to us in the mystery of the incarnation. May our offerings proclaim Jesus in ways that will be received with joy. Send your Word to the world through our caring service. May we share it with one another in ways that help us all grow. We are your servants. The gifts we dedicate are already yours. Thank you for all the ways you have provided for us. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

***The Commissioning**

Inspired by God's presence, spread good news.
Strengthened by the gospel, go out to serve.

Our spirits rejoice in our Saviour.

Our lives are blessed by a merciful God.

God has granted a beautiful earth for our home.
God appoints us as care-givers of the land and its people.

We are a covenant people, shaped by love.

Wherever God sends us, we will go.

God's steadfast love will go with you every day.
You will know the strength of God's mighty hand.

We will work with God to lift up the lowly.

We will share good things with those who are hungry.

Amen. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Go Now in Peace (Congregation Seated)

arr. Philip Crozier

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will be with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he 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.

Postlude

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today.

If you are visiting, we would like to present you with a peace symbol.

Please come forward during the offering.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation in Dawson Hall.

Worship at St. James, Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

July	18 th	Rev. Doug Stewart.	Baptism
	25 th	Rev. Arlen Bonnar	
August	1 st	Rev. Arlen Bonnar.	Communion
	8 th	Worship	
	15 th	Rev. Arlen Bonnar	
	22 nd	Rev. Arlen Bonnar	
	29 th	Rev. Arlen Bonnar.	Baptism
September	5 th	Rev. Arlen Bonnar.	Communion

An invitation is extended to anyone who may like to sing in the choir over the summer. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and all music is provided.

If you are in need of **pastoral services** or have an emergency outside of office hours, please leave a message and a contact number on the answering machine. Messages are retrieved regularly.

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2010 Recital Series - Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.
(Until August 31st) Freewill Offering

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