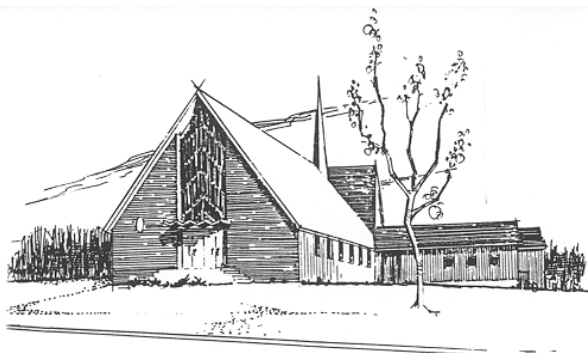


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
January 14, 2018
A Service of Holy Communion



Mission Statement

The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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January 7, 2018/Second Sunday after Epiphany/Communion\


Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director:	Emma Clark
Soloist:	Hannah O'Donnell

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Congregational Introit: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*  559

Lighting the Community Candle: In this season of Epiphany we hear Jesus calling, "Follow me!". We light the candle to remind us that we are community and we follow Christ together, and His light will guide us on our journey.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: God calls us from wherever we live and work and play.

All: Here we are, Lord!

One: God shares with us love, grace and forgiveness.

All: Here we are, Lord!

One: Here we are, Lord. We gather in worship.

Opening Prayer: (together) Gentle God, You have called us to this place, You have called us to be a community of faith. In our struggles, hold us together; in our celebrating, be our joy; in our serving, may we do so abundantly. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen.

Hymn: *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

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Children's Time

Offertory Invitation: With the gift of the wisdom of God, we are invited to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure to challenge the wisdom of the world and renew this world so it will be a living witness to the wisdom of God. Let us present our offerings.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands, v.1* 537
*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help You everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) We are grateful to be Your people O God, to be called to be generous, to be in ministry in Your world. Bless our gifts, our giving, and our hopes for the world in which Your will be done. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 3: 1-11
John 1: 43-51

Meditation

Invitation to Confession: In order to fully and freely be drawn into worship, we confess to God all that we know we have done that falls short of the glory of God.

Prayer of Confession: (together) Merciful God, You have made us one family, but sometimes we quarrel. You have called us to unity in the Holy Spirit, but we too often prefer to divide ourselves into different groups. Help us, O God, to remember that the cross of Jesus was meant for all of us, Your salvation for everyone. Amen.

Words of Assurance

A New Creed: 918

Solo: *Oh rest in the Lord* Hannah O'Donnell
by Felix Mendelssohn

Communion Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table* 457

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see projected liturgy



Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion by Intinction

If you wish to receive communion but have difficulty coming forward to receive, it will be served to you in the pew.

Prayer after Communion:(together) Holy God, we have been fed by Your gifts of loaf and cup, of word and song, the gifts of one another's company and Your presence. May Your song be our song, and Your story weave with ours. O God of mystery, increase our holiness, we gratefully pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *O Lord My God*

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Blessing and Sending Forth: (together). Joy awaits us, the joy of friendship and love. Challenge awaits us, the challenge of sharing the light of Jesus Christ with those we meet. Peace awaits us, the peace of God's love, the peace that never ends.

Musical Postlude



Ushering this morning is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Michelle Skinner

Greeters and Ushers: Wayne Skinner, Sophie Skinner,
Sabrina, Willow and Gracie Pilgrim

Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins
If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.