

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
January 28, 2018 /4th Sunday after Epiphany

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
mother Irene Tucker
(January 28, 1926 ~ February 1, 2011)
from husband Walter, daughters Marilyn Pardy and
Linda Facey and families.

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Introit: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, v.1*  101, Choir

Lighting the Community Candle: We hear Jesus calling, "Follow me!" We light our Community candle to remind us that we are in unity with one another and with Christ, and His light will guide us as we walk together.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: It is a gift to live on this land.

All: It is a gift to be nourished by the water, soil, plants and animals of this earth.

One: It is a gift to be people of tradition and Spirit.

All: It is a gift to gather from many walks of life for this time of worship.

One: God calls us to worship with a voice over the waters, a voice over the forest, a voice flashing forth in flames of fire.

All: Let us lay our open hands, open hearts and open minds before God in worship now, prepared to follow the Spirit's leading.

One: And we join our voices to say.

All: Praise be to God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Opening Prayer: (together) Eternal Spirit, let us find You in the sky, in the earth, in each other. Take this moment of worship and stretch it into infinity that we may be touched by the eternal, that we may be touched by Your peace. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen.

Hymn: *This Is the Day* 412

Children's Time

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Offertory Prayer: (together) Holy and awesome Creator God, we offer these gifts to "Your will be done." We offer our strength and hearts for whatever You direct us to do for You. In Jesus' name, we thank You for this opportunity. Amen.

Hymn: *It Only Takes a Spark (Pass It On)* 289

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 111, with refrain 833

Deuteronomy 18: 15-18

Mark 1: 21-28

Anthem: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Choir
arranged by Kirby Shaw

Journey to Ministry: Katie Vardy and Rebecca Pike

Hymn: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 509

Blessing and Sending Forth: (responsive)

One: God chooses messengers and prophets in every age. God's work needs
our prayer, our love, our very self.

**All: In faith, we hear and answer. In hope and joy, we go to bear witness
to the love that frees and heals.**

Musical Postlude



Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge: Michelle Skinner

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