

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9

January 21, 2018

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 17-24

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Harold Price

(April 5, 1929 – January 21, 2017)

from wife Lillian, daughter Gail & son-in-law Walter
and grand-daughters Leah and Katie Vardy.

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace: Let us not take for granted the peace of our Lord, which we have received. Let us not keep it to ourselves. Share the peace of Christ with others.

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Introit: *Surely the Presence of the Lord*



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: We come as people within The United Church of Canada. We are part of a united and uniting church. We share a vision of peace with all God's people.

All: In unity, there is peace.

One: We come as a people on a search for new understanding. We open ourselves to the passion and energy of those who seek to live lives of meaning and vitality. We share a vision of hope with all God's people.

All: In unity, there is hope.

One: We come as a people aware of the needs of others. We look beyond ourselves to the wider world. We share a vision of mutual support with all God's people.

All: In unity, there is support for one another.

One: God is with us – we are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer: (together) God of Light and Love, by whose Word all life was created, we are here this morning as part of Your holy creation. We know that at times we seek Your attention only for ourselves, afraid that there will not be enough for us if You also include others who seem different from us, who speak different languages, who have different ways of worshipping, who call You by different names, or who do not believe as we do. Assure us, we pray, that Your love is indeed sufficient for all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

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Children's Time

Offertory Invitation

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 rejoice, Loving God, that these gifts bring us together to do Your work. These gifts are a symbol of our unity in Christ; bless them, use them, and use our time and talent with them, O God. Amen.

Installation of Officers, UCW and AOTS

Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*

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Scripture Readings

Psalms 62: 5-12

Jonah 3: 1-5

Mark 1: 14-20

Anthem: *Does Jesus Care?* Choir
*O yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief;
when the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Saviour cares.*

Meditation

Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV79

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *I Feel the Winds of God* 625

Blessing and Sending Forth: (together) Jesus prayed that "all may be one," so we have gathered as one people. We now go out to live up to our calling. We will seek the unity of all God's people. We are confident, for God is with us, and we are not alone.



Musical Postlude

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

Greeters and Ushers: Wayne and Sophie Skinner, Jean, Kevin, Leah and Alexandra Smith

St. James United Church Life and Work, January 21, 2018

We offer our condolences to Barbara Taylor, her family and friends on the passing of Barbara's husband, Keith Taylor, on January 13. His funeral took place from St. James last Friday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

*to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of mother Mildred Blackwood, sister Ida Dowden and brother Walter Blackwood Jr., from Lorna;

*to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Bethany's birthday from Fred & Pam Earle;

*to local expenses in loving memory of Keith Taylor from Maxine Ivory.

Confirmation class today! 11:30am-1:30pm in the Multi Purpose Room.,

This week at St. James: Monday, January 22: *11am: NIA (no-impact aerobics) with Elaine Dunphy; \$5 drop-in fee. ***7pm: Women's Meeting Place:** Non-denominational women's meeting. All are welcome to come and share an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a friend!

***Wednesday, January 24:** Spiritual Walk and Talk with Rev. Pamela at 11am, followed by brown bag lunch; all welcome;

***Thursday January 25:** Uppity Women of the Bible: discussion group at 7pm in the Fellowship Room. Our first uppity woman is Ruth.

Next Saturday, January 27, 9am-noon: St James is hosting a workshop, sponsored by the Downtown Churches committee of which St. James is a member. This will be a structured exercise, focusing on asset and resource mapping (for our own church), led by experienced facilitator Rev. Peter Bartlett. If interested, please register with the church office by January 23. All UC churches in the area have been invited to participate.

Next Sunday, January 28: Coffee Hour after the 11 am Service. We kindly ask members of the congregation to bring a small plate of sandwiches, cookies or fruit, downstairs to the kitchen before the service.

Quilting with Susan beginning February 1: a beginner's class making a table runner, from 3-4pm on Thursdays for 4 weeks. Please contact Susan for a supply list (722-1881, ext. 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org). You will need your own sewing machine.

St. James Valentine's Day Fun and Friendship Fundraiser: Join us for a night of decadence and delight at our concert, dessert party and auction on Friday, February 9 at 7. Doors open at 6:30 for auction viewing. Tickets are \$20, now on sale at the Church office, Monday – Thursday. 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org Dessert party seating is limited! To perform, or to donate quality items, gift cards (minimum value of \$20), home-made desserts, battery-operated or LED candles -- or if you can assist us in any way -- please contact SuAn, wlegge@nl.rogers.com or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com (682-3927). Let's make it happen!

This afternoon at 3: a service at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (The Kirk), to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, observed throughout the world in January of each year. Material for 2018 has been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean, with the theme: *Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious is Power* (Exodus 15:6) All are invited.

This afternoon at 4: Growing the Voices: Festival 500 presents: "Hymns for All Hands", at Wesley UC. You will get a booklet of 15 tunes: I'll Fly Away, Blessed Assurance, Eternal Father Strong to Save, and more; \$10 at the door to cover expenses. All welcome.