

# St. James United Church

March 25, 2018/Palm Sunday

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 House  
Soloist: Hannah O'Donnell

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

## Musical Prelude

## Welcome and Sharing the Peace

## Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

## Lighting the Community Candle

**Introit:** *Hope of the World, verse 2* Choir (215)

### **Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: The crowds have gathered along the way...

**All: We gather to cheer and celebrate!**

One: Then let us join the parade and cheer for the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Let us worship with gratitude and joy!

**Opening Prayer:** (together) God of palm branches and parades, we gather to celebrate Your presence in our lives and in our church community. We celebrate the courage and wisdom of Your son, Jesus. We open ourselves to the grace of Your Spirit. May it move us, inspire us, and enliven our faith this day – and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 123

## Children's Time

**Hymn:** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* 357

## Offertory Invitation

## Offering

## Offertory Chorus:

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As You love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.*

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) Receive our gifts O God, as You have received our hosannas and praise. Bless both what is given and those who give it. Bless most deeply of all those whose lives will be touched by what we offer here. Amen.

**Solo:** *Laudate Dominum* by Mozart

	<b>Scripture</b>	
<b>Responsive Psalm:</b>	Psalm 118, parts 1, 3, 4 Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 11: 1-11	837

**Meditation:** Lay Down Your Coat

**Hymn:** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* 127

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *All Glory, Laud and Honour* 122

**Blessing and Sending Forth:** Grace to you, and comfort and peace and hope and gratitude from God our Maker, who walks with us on our life's journey and in the everlasting embrace of the Holy Spirit who is with us always.

### **Musical Postlude**

**Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge:** Jean Thompson

**Greeters and Ushers:** Marilyn & Kevin Pardy, Marilyn Adams, Linda Babstock, Mary Daya,  
Bruce Hunt, Clifford & Carol Smith

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. In 2012, the World Council of Churches developed the program to create an international presence in the face of Israeli occupation. Since then the United Church has sent over 25 ecumenical accompaniers who have been posted in many regions of Palestine and Israel. From February - April, 2017, a United Church Ecumenical Accompanier was posted in north Israel. They primarily monitored agricultural gates – counting the number of Palestinian farmers granted access to their land, and noting whether the gates were open during their allotted times. While there, the Ecumenical Accompanier took United Church staff to a Palestine park where Palestine families enjoy picnics and fresh air. The simple act of picnicking there is a protest against the occupation, and claims land that is (for now) Palestinian. 2 Israeli settlements sit atop the valley ridge overlooking the park. Ecumenical Accompaniers take a risk participating in the program. They face a context very different than life in Canada. Many return home informed and ready to advocate for a just peace and end to the occupation. M&S allows United Church Ecumenical Accompaniers to accompany the mission and ministry of the World Council of Churches,

sharing firsthand experience to inform their local community of faith, civil society and government of the realities of occupation. Our gifts to M&S accompany partners in the midst of occupation.

### **Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly**

On Easter morning, we celebrate the new life of the risen Christ by filling our Sanctuary with butterflies! You are invited to join us by sponsoring a butterfly to hang in our Sanctuary for the Easter season. Butterflies can be given to commemorate a special event, to honor a loved one, in memory of someone, to mark a milestone. Each butterfly can be sponsored for \$5; the proceeds received will be put toward the ongoing work of our St. James Church community. Help us to create our Easter Butterfly Sanctuary. To sponsor a butterfly, please return the form below to the church office by tomorrow Monday, March 26.

<b><u>Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly</u></b>
Name of person donating: _____
In Celebration of: _____
Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____

### *St. James United Church Life and Work, March 25, 2018*

**We offer our condolences** to the family and friends of Lloyd Thomas Goulding who passed away on March 17, with his funeral service from St. James last Monday.

**We offer our condolences** to the family and friends of Mary Emma Sweetapple Andrews who passed away on March 15, with her funeral service from Barrett's Funeral Chapel on March 17.

**We offer our condolences** to the family and friends of Paul Walsh whose mother, Anne McGrath Walsh, passed away peacefully on March 20. Her funeral service took place yesterday from Mary Queen of Peace.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:  
to the General Fund:**

\*in loving memory or a dear mother and father, Fannie & Ernest Sweetapple from their daughter, Mary E. Andrews;

\* in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Linda & Ed Murphy;

\*in loving memory of Bill Taylor from the AOTS Men's Group;

\*in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Phil Saunders;

\*in loving memory Bill Taylor from Muriel Baker.

**to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Dave & Dot Hapgood.

**This afternoon in the Sanctuary:** Project Grace Semester Showcase at 4:30.

**Monday, March 26 at 11am:** NIA (no-impact aerobics); \$5 drop-in fee.

### **Holy Week at St. James**

**Celebration of Life Easter Butterflies:** Please have your form for sponsoring a butterfly for Easter Sunday morning in the office tomorrow, Monday.

**Wednesday Lenten** Communion Service at noon, followed by a brown bag lunch.

**Thursday, March 29** at 7pm: Our annual showing of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, followed by Agape meal. Everyone is welcome.

### **Good Friday:**

\*10am for the neighbourhood Prayer Walk;

\*noon-3pm: St. James hosts the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross' Service.

\* 7pm: Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary.

**Saturday, March 31: Spring cleaning for Easter:** Please be invited to come help spring-clean and decorate the Sanctuary for Easter from 10am to noon.

**Sunday April 1,** Youth Ministries' Easter Egg Breakfast at 9:45 in between the Contemporary Service at 9 and the Traditional Service at 11.

### **Holy Week Services**

Monday, March 26, 7:30pm: Cochrane Street United Church  
Tuesday, March 27, 7:30pm: First United Church, Mount Pearl  
Wednesday, March 28, 7:30pm: Gower Street United Church  
Thursday March 29, 7:30pm: George Street United Church  
Friday, March 30, noon: St. James United Church: "Seven Last Words from the Cross"

**Upcoming performance** by Hannah Sheppard and Emma House: MUN Trumpet/Horn Studio Recital. Emma and Hannah will both be performing solo horn pieces, along with performances by MUN trumpet players. March 29 at 5pm, free admission, DF Cook Recital hall.

**Friday Evening, April 6 at 7,** St. James will host the annual *Fellowship of The Least Coin Service* with a time of worship and fellowship. FLC is a component of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and donations provide grants, the same way as the World Day of Prayer, for impoverished women around the world. They are thankful for any coins you have been collecting, or a donation. There will be special music, and a social time will follow. Any further information required, please contact Inez Penney 237-7100 or Susan Sheppard, 722-1881, ext. 204.

**The Gospel Folks Senior Choir** Spring Concert: *Treasures: Hymns of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century* on Sunday, April 8 at 3pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church, reliving the songs and hymns you maybe sang in Sunday School or at your grandmother's knee. Complimentary tickets are available from Baxter Howse or 739-8714. Free will offering.

**Rev. Brian** will be on vacation from April 9-16

**Beginner Quilting with Susan**, Mondays April 16-May 7. You will need a basic sewing machine with a 1/4" piecing foot attachment. Please contact Susan for a list of fabrics and notions required. [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**Tickets for the AOTS Fish Dinner** on Friday, April 27 at 6pm, at \$20 each, are available from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306

**Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day:** Our Youth Ministries are taking orders for beautiful locally grown pansy bowls. This is a great Mother's Day gift at only \$15. An order form is posted outside Susan's office, with orders and payment due on or before Sunday, April 29.

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