

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory
Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.
(March 3, 1959 – April 19, 2013)
from the family.

St. James United Church

April 15, 2018/3rd Sunday of Easter/Camping Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choirs:	Youth, rockin' with the AOTS
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

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

Acknowledgement of Land

Welcome

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting the Community Candle

Introit: *Let Us Praise the God of Truth*

Choirs

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Creator God, the spark has kindled a fire.

All: We gather for its warmth and light.

One: Your love is the warmth that fills our hearts.

All: Your love lights the way.

One: First, we experience the warmth and light of Your love,

All: And then we pass it on.

One: Pass it on.

Opening Prayer: (together) Creator God, We thank You for bringing us together in this place, to celebrate the recreation, the re-creation, of enjoying the fun and community of camping. We thank You for all the people in our lives, and especially those who have gathered with us. We also thank You for all of creation; the hills and trees, the rocks, the water, the animals of field and forest. We thank You for your love for us; the love that we in turn share with one another. Open our hearts to receive Your word, to learn more about creation and Your love. Guide us in Your love and the spirit of creation so that we might be examples for others to follow. Amen.

Sharing the Peace:

One: The peace and presence of God is here... to stay.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Children's Time

Hymn: *This Little light of Mine*

Verses 1 and 5: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!

Verse 2: Hide it under a bushel; NO! I'm gonna let it shine!

Verse 3: Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine!

Verse 4: Take my little light round the world, I'm gonna let it shine!

Anthem: *Gonna Build an Ark* Choirs

Invitation to Offering

Offering: *This World Is Not My Home* Choirs

Offertory Hymn: *Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!*

Verse 1: Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!

Verse 2: Someone's giving Lord, Kum ba yah!

Offertory Prayer: (together) Loving God, accept the gifts of our time, talent, and gifts for the work of Your church, in this community and beyond. We share what we have so that the warmth and light of Your love will spread to everyone, and we shout from the mountaintops: "*Pass it on.*" Amen.

Silence

Psalm 1: (responsive)

One: There are many pathways in front of us. We see some people take pathways that turn-out to be destructive and unhealthy.

All: But our happiness and well-being depend on us taking the pathways that keep us connected with the best purposes and with the best spirit.

One: Look carefully at the tree that flourishes beside the river - its leaves are healthy, & it bears fruit in season. We can be like the tree.

All: But we can forget all that and become like chaff blown in all directions by the wind.

One: God of all life has created in us a desire to be the best we can be. When we follow that desire, our whole being is strongly affirmed.

All: But when we become indifferent to that desire, we lose our connection with the best purposes and the best spirit.

Anthem: *God's Choir* Choirs

Scripture: Luke 24: 36b - 48

Hymn: *The Lord's My Shepherd* 747

Chorus: *He lives! He lives! He lives! I know that my redeemer lives.
He lives, He lives! He lives within my heart.*

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide*

MV145

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: As we begin to take our leave from this place, made sacred by our presence together, may we take the daily things of life and see them as sacred.

All: May we perform simple acts of love and prayer, and real works of reform and renewal.

One: May we love deeply the earth which gives us air to breathe, water to drink, and food to sustain us.

All: May we remember that life is begotten from stardust, radiant in light and heat.

One: We are all one - all of creation, all that now live, all that have ever lived. Remember we are stardust, and to stardust we return.

All: Remember we are connected, and to connection we return.

One: Remember we are part of the great mystery.

All: Remember we are stardust and to stardust we return.

Blessing

Choral Benediction:

Go Now in Peace

Musical Postlude

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 15, 2018

Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge: Janet Bartlett

Greeters: Paul Walsh & Robin Bartlett **Ushers:** Trevor, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

We offer our condolences to Marilyn & Kevin Pardy on the passing of Marilyn's father, Walter Tucker on April 9. His funeral service took place from Cochrane Street United Church last Thursday. We also offer our condolences to Roy & Lillian Holmes-Bannister on the passing of Roy's sister, Ruby Decker of Ship Cove on April 8. Her memorial service was held at Barrett's Chapel last Wednesday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Catherine & Baxter Rose.

***to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from Margaret & Guy Penney, Ross & Sonia Churchill, Gregory & Doreen Stokes.

***to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in loving memory of Joanne from the family.

***to Project Grace** in loving memory of Joanne Haggood from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike.

2018 Memorial Hymn Sing requests are due in the office this week!

Tomorrow, Monday, April 16: *NIA (No Impact Aerobics) at 11am, \$5 drop-in;

***Beginner Quilting with Susan** starts at 4:30pm. If you haven't received the necessary supplies list and still wish to join, please contact Susan immediately!

***Women's Meeting Place:** Non-denominational women's meeting at 7pm.

***Annual General Meeting of Bridges To Hope Inc**, at 7:30pm will take place at Wesley United Church. All are welcome.

Volunteer Week: *"Much of the church and community life and work would not be possible without the contributions, big and small, of our many generous and dedicated volunteers. It is their faith, caring and devotion to our church and community which create the warm, welcoming, diverse and inclusive community that comprises St. James. Volunteer Week, April 15 - 23 is a fitting time to acknowledge the importance of every member of our council, congregation and visitors alike, who during the past year, have generously given their time and energy to the administration, operation and many activities of St. James, and who contribute to its community work. It is because of them, their faith and charity that St. James is able to continue its missionary and community work. On behalf of the Ministry and the Church Council of St. James, I express our deep appreciation to you all during Volunteer Week and throughout the year."* Trevor Bartlett, Chair, St. James Church Council. **Open House:** Wednesday, April 18, 11:30am – 1:30pm. All are invited to come along during this time and share in a time of fellowship with the staff. Finger foods and beverages will be available.

Wednesday, April 18: AOTS meeting at 5:00 for 5:30pm; new members welcome.

Thursday, April 19: Uppity Women of the Bible discussion group, Youth Room.

Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day can be ordered on the form outside Susan's office, with orders and payment due on or before Sunday, April 29, and delivery by our Youth Ministries in time for Mother's Day.

We value your membership at St. James! If you would like to become a full member of St. James congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you. Are you unsure of your current status with the church? Susan Pike would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a full member of our congregation: susanpike@warp.nfld.net 576-0703

The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group's monthly 'Caregivers Education and Support Program' is on Tuesday, April 17, 1:30-3pm at Park Place Community Centre, Mount Pearl, with the topic of Advance Care Planning. If you are a primary caregiver, caring for a loved one at home and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

Hannah O'Donnell Masters' Graduation Recital April 20 at 2pm, DF Cook Recital Hall, free admission.

Minute for Mission: Have you ever wondered what Mission & Service really is? M&S is how we live out the call of the church to do God's mission. It was not always called M&S. Before 1925, the 3 denominations that joined to create the UCC - Presbyterian, Methodist & Congregationalist - saw mission as an important part of church life, and supported it in many ways. Since union, the name for

the way we support the mission and service has undergone many changes beginning with the Women's Missionary Society, along with the Home and Global Mission Boards, then the Mission and Maintenance Fund, later, the Mission and Service Fund, now simply called Mission & Service of the UCC. M&S is not a separate fund within the church. It is the foundation of how we offer healing and hope in a hurting world. M&S supports education programs, women's empowerment, food, housing support, advocacy to alleviate poverty, assistance to theological students, lay readers, camping, congregational support, youth programming and healing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and much more. M&S is the heart and soul of The United Church of Canada.

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