

St. James United Church

April 22, 2018/4th Sunday of Easter/Earth 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:	Glenda Winsor

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: *Sing Your Joy* Choir 253

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As sure as the sun rises and sets,

All: so constant is Your love for us, O God.

One: As sure as the season changes, fall into winter, winter into spring,

All: so dependable is Your mercy, O God.

One: God's love is steadfast and God's mercy endures forever.

All: Let us worship our God with joyful, thankful hearts and faithful actions.

Opening Prayer: (together) You are a God of dreams; we pray for Your vision. You are a God of hope; we pray for Your peace. You are a God of love; we pray for Your fullness. You are a God of life; we pray for Your Spirit. May Your Holy Spirit lead us in this time of worship. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: *God We Praise You for the Morning* 415

Children's Time

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* 332

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus: *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!* 315
*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Offertory Prayer: (together) God, You are like a shepherd to us and You lead us in green pastures. When our cup overflows, inspire our generosity so that we may give joyfully and generously for the work of the church, both here and far away. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Solo: *Creation Sings the Father's Song*
a contemporary piece written by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

Scripture

1 John 3: 16-24
John 10:11-18

Meditation The work of the Shepherd continues.

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing and Sending Forth: (responsive)

One: God's love extends beyond what we can imagine. God's compassion knows no bounds.

All: In the light of these understandings, we go out to a hurting world looking to bring peace and justice in all that we do.

Musical Postlude

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 22, 2018

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

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

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the Operating Expenses of the church** from the UCW from funds raised at the Spring Tea.

***to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from the St. James UCW, and also in loving memory of a dear friend, Mildred Bonnell, from Edna Bemister.

A big thank you to all who showed up for our Open House. To all who were unable to be here, we hope to see you next time.

St. James is anticipating starting a Ukulele Group in September. If you are interested in joining, or would like to donate a ukulele, please contact Karen Brown at 437-1520 or 689-7297.

Tomorrow, Monday, April 23:

***Cut off deadline** for requests to our 2018 Memorial Hymn Sing next Sunday; there are forms outside the office;

***Beginner Quilting with Susan** starts at 4:30pm; ***Next NIA** class will be May 14.

Our Friendship Group will meet Wednesday, April 25 at 2pm.

Thursday, April 26: Uppity Women of the Bible discussion group in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Youth at Conference Registration Forms are due by Thursday, April 26. Please see the information on the notice board outside the Sanctuary.

Friday, April 27: Fish Dinner; gentle reminder for those who have tickets.

Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day order form is outside Susan's office, with orders and payment due on or before next Sunday, April 29.

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

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support inner-city programs for children such as Camp Cosmos run by Montreal City Mission. An 11 year old girl has a new respect for her 9 year old brother with special needs, thanks to the environmental summer day camp. Before the camp, the girl felt ashamed of her brother, but at camp she saw how he interacted with other campers and how they enjoyed being with him; this changed her attitude. Camp Cosmos brings together children: those with special needs and those without; those who have always lived in Canada and recent refugees; children from diverse economic backgrounds, cultures and faiths. An environmental focus is fundamental as the camp tries to zero waste through recycling and composting. Most kids are from downtown and don't have a connection with the environment. The camp provides this through ecological games, organic gardening, outings in nature and visits to local farms. Montreal City Mission through Camp Cosmos offers children and youth an appreciation of nature, a place to learn leadership skills that will help them become caring adults working for a better world. M&S is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada.

Save this Date: Saturday, November 17: St James 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

This evening at 7: The 55th Annual 'People of the Sea' service at George Street UC. Parking spaces will be available on George Street, Hutchings Lane and Springdale Street.

Cowan Heights United Church Craft Fair, April 28, 10am - 2:30pm at 141 Frecker Drive: homemade gifts and goodies by local artisans and exhibitors. The Men's Club delicious luncheon special will also be available that day.

Newfoundland Brunch at Memorial UC, Portugal Cove next Saturday, April 28 at 11am. Cost is \$12 adults, \$7 children, free for children under 3.

Cochrane Street Choir Concert and Silent Auction next Sunday, April 29: Doors open 6:30pm, silent auction begins 7pm. The lineup is Shelley Neville, Darren Martin, Bill Brennan, Meg Herder, Janet Cull, Dana Parsons, Evan Smith and hopefully Kelly Ann Evans and Peter Halley. The choir will be singing 8 pieces. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or call 722-3023. Receipts are available for all donations. Proceeds will go to new choir gowns, choral scholars and Cochrane Centre.

Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir's spring concert under the direction of Chad Stride, featuring the newly commissioned work *Songs of the Island*, including an arrangement of five Newfoundland songs, by Dr. D.F. Cook at 7pm, Sunday, April 29 at The Rooms. The choir will be joined by the ABC Young Men's Ensemble of the Atlantic Boychoir, directed by Dr. Jakub Martinec. Meet and greet at 6pm. Tickets, \$20 with a 10 % discount for Rooms members, are available @ therooms.ca, 757-8090 or at The Rooms admission desk.

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