

St. James United Church

April 8, 2018/2nd Sunday of Easter

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:	Stephen Browne

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

Congregational Introit: *I Am a Child of God* MV157

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: In believing, in doubting, we come to this service,

All: **and God accepts us.**

One: In wondering, in affirming, we come to this service,

All: **and God welcomes us.**

One: As individuals, as a faith community, we come to this service,

All: **and God's Word speaks to us.**

One: With rejoicing, with sorrow, we come to this service,

All: **and the risen Christ is eternal hope for us, as we worship
and as we live.**

Opening Prayer: (together) Gracious and loving God, we have gathered here this morning to hear a word of hope, anxious to be comforted in our worries, and uncertain of what You are asking of us at this time. We come trusting that You are here and want the best for all of us. Be with us in this time of worship and beyond. Empower us to be Your disciples. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: *I Danced in the Morning* 352

Children's Time

Hymn: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 326

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) May these gifts of money, of talent, of time, and of commitment be bright threads shining in the tapestry You weave for Your people, O God. May they touch the hearts and minds of those of us who give, as well as those of us who receive. Amen.

Solo: *Whispering Hope*

Scripture

Acts 4: 32-35
John 20: 19-31

Meditation

Hymn: *God of the Bible* MV28

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection* 122

Blessing and Sending Forth: Behold! The beauty of God shining in the faces around us. Behold! The tenderness of God binding up the wounds of our hearts. Behold! The wisdom of God showing us the path to follow. And Christ walks with us along the way.

Musical Postlude

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

Greeters and Ushers: Sharon Seaward, Kennedy Collins, Sara Collins, Sophie Fitzgerald,
Katelyn Mayo, Gloria Le Feuvre, Allison Bartlett



Minute for Mission: In the Holy Land, bringing ordinary Israelis and Palestinians peacefully together is very difficult, but the International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI) does just that. Along with Palestinian girls' empowerment programs in Arab towns, the ICCI brings Palestinians and Israelis together through a variety of programs from academic conferences to supporting inter-ethnic organ donation. Medical expenses in Israel are covered by the state; the ICCI raises awareness and organizes conferences to break down the social barriers and conflicting ideas about organ transplantation. Often, people only want to donate within their own ethnicity. With the support of the ICCI and other organizations, Israeli and Palestinian families come together in life-threatening situations. The family of

an Arab youth killed in a car accident donated his heart to a Jewish person; another Jewish family donated a relative's liver to a young Arab man. These life changing events have given these families a new perspective on life. Our gifts to M&S support health, peace and the breaking down of barriers to peace.

2018 Memorial Hymn Sing Service: Sunday, April 29

Please return your request form to the church office, or place it on the collection plate no later than Monday April 16, with cheques made payable to St. James United Church.

HYMN SELECTIONS

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| 1. God of the Mountain | 6. In The Sweet By and By |
| 2. Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore | 7. Will Your Anchor Hold |
| 3. In the Garden | 8. It is No Secret What God Can Do |
| 4. Morning Has Broken | 9. Here I Am Lord |
| 5. What a Friend We Have in Jesus | 10. Whispering Hope |

Contributor's name: _____

Donation: \$_____ Envelope # or address _____

Hymn selection #s: _____

Dedicated to/in recognition of: _____

Other contributions _____

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 8, 2018

We offer our condolences to Avice Mesh whose husband Walter passed away on October 1, 2017, with his funeral service in Gander.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the Cemetery Fund:

* in loving memory of mother and father Ross & Gertie Blackwood and brother Blaine from Sharon, Michelle and families;

*in loving memory of parents Wilson & Flossie Jenkins and Doyle & Jean May from David Jenkins.

to the General Fund in loving memory of friends Mildred Bonnell and Bill Taylor from Ruby Hiscock.

to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from Barbara & Bill Butt.

New NIA (No Impact Aerobics) dates: The following Mondays at 11am: April 9 (tomorrow), and 16; May 14, 21, June 4, 11, 18. \$5 drop-in fee; seniors welcomed and encouraged.

Time Change tomorrow: Our UCW monthly meeting is tomorrow evening at 7, instead of 7:30.

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

Beginner Quilting with Susan, Mondays April 16-May 7 at 4:30pm. 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

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15 to 21: In appreciation of the many individuals who give freely of their time to help with the work of St. James, we will be holding an Open House on Wednesday April 18, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All are invited to come along during that time and share in a time of fellowship with the staff. Finger foods and beverages will be available.

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.

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

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. Do you have questions? 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

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

This afternoon at 3 at St. Mary's Anglican Church: The Gospel Folks Senior Choir Spring Concert: *Treasures: Hymns of the 19th Century*, 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.

This evening at 6:50: The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will hold a service with a sing-a-long; requests from the congregation will be appreciated. All are welcome.

Grief and Bereavement Information Session: Tuesday, April 10, from 7 – 9pm in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre, facilitated by Rev Dr. Peter Barnes, Regional Coordinator of Eastern Health Bereavement Services. For more information, please call 777-8972 or 777-2167

George St. UCW Spring Sale and Tea will be held next Saturday, April 14 at 2pm in Room C and in the Gym, with tea at 2:30 in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre. Tickets are \$7 and can be obtained by calling Ruby at 745-4807 or Ruth at 722-4961. Donations for Bake Sale, New to You and Jewellery will be appreciated.

The Annual Holocaust Remembrance, organized by the Jewish Community Havura NL, will take place at 3:30pm next Sunday, April 15. This year's commemoration will feature a multi-media presentation created by Professor Robert Katz of the University of Maine at Augusta, *Were the House Still Standing*. This work weaves together the testimony of sixteen Holocaust survivors and liberators, using video, photography, audio, and text to ensure that their memories will endure and be shared to future generations. The memorial service will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre, SN2109, in the southwest corner of the Science Building at Memorial

University. Parking is available in lot 15B adjacent to the Music School, and lot 1A in front of the Arts Building. Directions from parking lots will be provided. All are welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of Bridges To Hope Inc, will take place at Wesley United Church at 7:30 pm on Monday April 16. All welcome.

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