

## St. James United Church

June 24, 2018/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Dr. David Buley
Soloist:	Glenda Winsor
Clerk of Session:	Susan Pike
Guest Speaker:	Katie Vardy
Usher in Charge:	Oliver Wellon
Greeter:	Maxine Rose
Ushers:	Tom Rose, Bruce Hunt, Aubrey Hill, Baxter Howse, Jean Thompson

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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

### Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

**Lighting the Candle:** As we light this candle, we light a symbol of the presence of Jesus with us individually and as a community of faith.

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: In the majesty of the mountain and the thunder of the waterfall,

**All: we can see God's glory.**

One: In the call of the loon and the reflection of trees in still waters,

**All: we can see Christ's mercy.**

One: In the rush of the river and the soaring of the eagle,

**All: we can see the Spirit's power.**

One: So, we come to worship the One who is the source of all that is good.

**All: We come to give God thanks and praise and to offer ourselves as God's faithful servants.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) God, raise our expectations as we worship today. Do not leave us content to settle for a feel-good moment. Let us come seeking an encounter with the risen Christ so that we may be transformed to become His living body for the world. In that holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Introit:** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*  
*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing tune my heart to sing your grace;*  
*Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.*  
*Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.*  
*Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.*

### **Children's Time**

**Hymn:** *Will You Come and Follow Me* 567

### **Offertory Invitation**

**Offering:** *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* Glenda Winsor

**Offertory Chorus:** *Your work, O God, needs many hands*  
*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,*  
*And some there are who cannot serve, unless our gifts we share.*  
*Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:*  
*Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) The work of our hands and our hearts, our time and talents, our commitment, all these we offer to You, O God, in hope that they will be of benefit to the needs in our world. Bless and multiply them to Your use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

**Hymn:** *We are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)* 595

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  
Mark 4: 35-41

**Solo:** *River of Jordan by Peter, Paul and Mary*

**Recognizing Katie's Achievement** Susan Pike

**Meditation** Katie Vardy

**Hymn:** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* 578

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** Katie Vardy

**Closing Hymn:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 575

**Blessing and Sending Forth:** We have been given the ministry of reconciliation! We are ambassadors for Christ! Let us go from this place with this good news to share with the world most hungry to hear it!

### **Benediction**

## Musical Postlude

### St. James United Church Life and Work, June 24, 2018

**We offer our condolences** to Graham & Ethel Verge, whose sister-in-law Doris Verge passed away on June 12 at the grand age of 102. A family interment will take place at a later date.

**We also offer our condolences** to Andrea and Craig Darby-King, their families and friends, on the passing of Andrea's beloved mother, Rachel Leyden Darby, RN, who passed away on June 15. Her funeral took place from St. James last Thursday.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the AOTS** in celebration of Albert Styles from son William and Renata Styles.

**Correction** to the Painting and Carpet Cleaning Fundraiser: a donation was made in memory of loved ones from Lillian & Gilbert Thomas.

#### Financial Update:

Deficit to December 31, 2017:  
\$25,111

Deficit for January to May 2018:  
\$22,388

Total accumulated Deficit to May 31:  
\$47,499

To meet our budget, we need average  
weekly givings of \$4,369.

**Now that the Music Program has finished for the summer**, there is a need for leadership in congregational singing during our summer worship services. We are asking that members of any of our choirs who are attending a service, please consider sitting in the choir pews. Complete families are welcome. Also any member/family of the congregation who is interested in experiencing the service from this perspective is welcome to participate. No musical/vocal experience or expertise required!

**Monday, June 25:** The office is closed.

**Wednesday, June 27:** Communion at noon, followed by brown bag lunch. All are welcome to either or both!

**Please see the notice boards for** full details of *Podium on the Edge 2018*, a national choral conference and festival in St. John's, with concerts daily June 29 – July 3. St. James is hosting *Choral Canada's New Chapter Float* concert rehearsals June 28-30, with their concerts being at Mount Scio Savoury Farm on Canada Day at 5pm and 7:30pm. [www.choralcanadafloat.ca](http://www.choralcanadafloat.ca)

**St. James is hosting the 2018 UC Youth Pilgrimage** from July 10-13. 16 youth will be staying in the building. As host, we are asked to provide meals and transportation. Help is needed! Please contact Susan for further information about your offering of aid. 722-1881, ext. 204 or [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**Please see the notice boards or visit [projectgrace.ca](http://projectgrace.ca)** for details on their summer music camps and adult music lessons.

**Tickets are now available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S, together with emergency funds and Gifts with Vision, enabled us to build a church run high school in Haiti. The opening of a new secondary school in Duplan was the highlight point of the celebrations marking the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Haiti in February 2017. The United Church of Canada financed 80% of the cost of building the 7 room structure following the massive earthquake in 2010. The new school is bursting with 215 students and 19 staff. Already they are dreaming of adding computer and science labs as well as a playing field so students can safely play soccer. Education was the church's calling card to Haiti. In 1817, the first Protestant missionaries were authorized to come to the island nation on the understanding that their work would include providing schooling in the newly formed country. Today, the Methodist Church runs a system of 105 primary schools, 15 high schools, a teacher's college and 3 vocational schools. With children travelling up to 2 hours by foot to get to school, often without breakfast, the need for a major investment in education is clear. M&S makes these schools accessible to families with limited incomes, an important investment in the future of Haiti.

**St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation's Surf or Turf Dinner** on Thursday, June 28 at the Columbus Hall, 49 St. Claire Ave. Call 752-8745 for tickets (\$50 including tax) or information.

**2018 Memorial Services:**\*Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Road Extension on Monday, July 2 at 7pm; \*General Protestant Cemetery on Topsail Road on Monday, July 16 at 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

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