

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
a cherished father, Eric Paul
(July 2, 1940 – November 21, 2014)
from Anthony and Nancy, with thanks and gratitude for his wisdom,
guidance and love.
And
In loving memory of
Reubena (Ruby) Soper (June 17, 2006)
from Rodney & Annie Soper.
Memories live forever.

St. James United Church

June 17, 2018/Father's Day/Aboriginal Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Dr. David Buley
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.

"To be surprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand."

--- Jose Ortega Gasset

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

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.

Hymn: *They'll know we are Christian by our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Creator from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love,*

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: In the waters of creation, in the waters of initiation, Your Spirit flows, O God.

All: Drench us in the new life that pours from You like a waterfall.

One: O star-abiding One, come unto us and dwell with us.

**All: Grant us communion with You in this time of worship.
Amen.**

Opening Prayer: (together) Loving God who watches over all, we pray for the world: that everyone will listen for the voice of God within and around us, and hear that voice as blessing and not curse, as opportunity and not condemnation, as a calling to connect with one another in compassion and respect, not in exclusion or humiliation.

We pray for ourselves that we will trust God's blessing and be willing to leave behind prejudices and judgments that deny the goodness and grace of God found in all. We pray for continued healing and understanding of the need for right relations in our country and the world.

One: As children turn to a parent who watches over them, let us turn to God for guidance, love and forgiveness. Let us worship God.

Children's Time

Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 264

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus: *Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a Spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) Loving God, we continue our worship by acknowledging and expressing thanks for our many blessings. We return thanks by bringing an offering of ourselves and of our resources. We give because we can, and we give because we want to continue Christ's ministry in action that brings hope and healing, growth and renewal, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Solo: *Up to the Mountain by Patty Griffin*

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34

Meditation: Freed to Be...

Hymn: *In the Bulb There is a Flower* 703

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

Blessing and Sending Forth: God in Jesus the Christ calls us even above the noise of the world around us. *"Reach out to your neighbour, do justice, love kindness and together, walk humbly with your God."*

Benediction followed by Musical Postlude

Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon

Greeters: Jack & Florence Head

Ushers: Aubrey & Ruby Hill, Baxter Howse, Bruce Hunt

St. James United Church Life and Work, June 17, 2018

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

* **to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of father Daniel B. Hann from Glenn & Nellie Hann.

***to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of Chesley Howse, Hubert Stokes, Carol Babstock and John Ford from Jean and family.

***to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Neil Anthony from wife Pauline and son Conrad.

***to the AOTS** in loving memory of a dear father and grandfather Ron Abbott and Patrick Abbott from Terry, Debbie, Dylan and Jason Abbott.

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!

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

This afternoon at 3: Project Grace presents their sixth annual *Season Finale Showcase* in our Sanctuary. Admission is by freewill donation.

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

Tomorrow, Monday, June 18: Last of the series for all 3 programs until the fall:

*11am NIA (No Impact Aerobics) with Elaine Dunphy. \$5 drop-in fee; seniors welcomed and encouraged;

*4:30pm Beginner Quilting with Susan;

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

Thursday, June 21: We shall have a drum circle at noon to celebrate National Aboriginal Day and the summer solstice. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday, June 24 during our 11am service, we will be celebrating with Katie Vardy as she has successfully completed her "discernment process" toward Ordered Ministry. Come and join us as we celebrate this joyful achievement with Katie.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support the work of reconciliation with Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Mohawk words " Akwe Nia tetewa:neren"

(all my relations) were added to the United Church of Canada's crest in 2012, recognizing that we are all connected to each other and all of creation. A visit from the Uniting Church in Australia's Aboriginal and Islander Christian Conference demonstrated the truth of this phrase. The visit was part of a dialogue on reconciliation between our two countries and churches. In March 2018, the Australians, having arrived in Vancouver and explored its urban Indigenous context, were to fly to Bella Coola, but due to wild fires and personal safety, the trip was cancelled. With assistance from friends in Peepeekisis & Carry the Kettle First Nations in Saskatchewan, the visitors travelled there. Their reception was overwhelming. Following a brief service in Peepeekisis, everyone was invited to a community feast where the visitors participated in a sacred ceremony. At Carry the Kettle, a visit to the annual Powwow turned into the Australians being part of the Grand Entry- an incredible honour, which many will never experience again. All this occurred because of a simple recognition, that no matter how far apart we are, we are all connected; we are relatives.

Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group's monthly *'Caregivers Education and Support Program'* will take place on Tuesday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 17, both at 1:30-3pm at Park Place Community Centre, Mount Pearl. If you are a primary caregiver and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

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.

Volunteers are needed for The Canadian Cancer Society's Driving Program which supports cancer patients who neither drive nor have a means of transportation by connecting them with a volunteer driver who can help with transportation to and from cancer related appointments. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Community Services Coordinator, Nikola Allen at 757-8528 for more information.

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 some of the rehearsals at the end of June.

*the part-time position job description for a pastoral care coordinator at Gower Street UC.

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