

# St. James United Church

July 28, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Usher in Charge:	Robin Bartlett
Greeters & Ushers:	Paul Walsh, Karen Brown & Sarah Norman

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background or sexual orientation.

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** (One) We come together as a people of God, gathered in the light of Christ.

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: How vast are the works of Your hand, O Lord.

**All: The heavens themselves declare Your glory!**

One: How close You draw to us in the life of Your Son.

**All: With all creation we sing Your praise!**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, draw us into Your presence.

**All: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Together) Creator God, every moment of our lives You are with us. But in worship we are especially aware of Your presence. May we listen to You today with open minds and hearts. May we share with You all that is within us. May we come to You fearlessly and honestly. May we be sensitive to Your Holy Spirit as You move among us, and eager to follow where You lead us today. AMEN

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

## CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**HYMN:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY SONG:**

*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) Generous God, You open Your treasury and share abundantly with us. Precious moments, pearls of great price, trinkets of this world, and a good and godly heritage are ours only by Your grace. Keep us mindful of the responsibilities that we have as Your children. Stir us to consider always the needs of others, especially those who most need our care and compassion. AMEN

**DUET:** *Just a Closer Walk*

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 85 802  
Luke 11: 1-13

**MEDITATION**

**HYMN:** *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempters's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless  
And since He bids me seek His face  
Believe His word and trust His grace  
I'll cast on Him my every care  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer  
May I thy consolation share  
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height  
I view my home and take my flight  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize

And shout while passing through the air  
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN:** *Will Your Anchor Hold*

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### COMMISSIONING:

One: Go into the world inspired by the Spirit of God.  
Go into the world transformed by God.  
Go into the world blessed by God's grace.  
Go with God's blessing.

### BENEDICTION

(Let us share the Peace of Christ with each other as we leave).

### MUSICAL POSTLUDE

*Part of this service material was provided by "Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners".*

*St. James United Church Life and Work, July 28, 2019*

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of grandson, Blair Tulk and friend, Andrew Winsor from Leah Tulk.

<p><b>Financial Update:</b> St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)</p> <table><tr><td>Givings for:</td><td>July 7:</td><td>\$3,663</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>July 14:</td><td>\$2,386</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>July 21:</td><td>\$2,758</td></tr></table>	Givings for:	July 7:	\$3,663		July 14:	\$2,386		July 21:	\$2,758
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**Farewell Reception - immediately following the service this morning:** Please join us as we bid farewell to our Music Director, Paul Rodermond, who will be leaving us in August to pursue a Master of Music degree in Winnipeg.

**Rev. Brian will be on vacation from August 3 to August 20.** The following individuals will cover our Sunday worship services:

August 4 - Heather Cronhelm

August 11 - Rebecca Pike

August 18 - Katie Vardy

\*\*In case of emergencies you may call 709-727-4067

**St. James would like to extend a warm welcome to our first time visitors** with a little welcome gift. The ushers will bring it to you if you raise your hand during the welcome but if you prefer, you can identify yourself to the ushers as you leave. Thanks for attending our service and please sign our guest book. We feel privileged to have you join us.

**2019 Cemetery Memorial Services are as follows:**

\*Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way: Monday, August 5, 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the service will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

**The July edition of Beer and Hymns** is taking place **this afternoon** from 3 - 6pm at 203 Logy Bay Road (St. Mark's Anglican Church). There is something new: our summer serving of 'Beer & Hymns' will feature fantastic southern inspired food created by Poko Loko Food Truck (aka [Soul Azteka](#)) and brilliant craft beer by [Mill Street Brewpub St. John's](#). Join us for a scoff and stay for a song!

**Bag to School:** Bridges to Hope is once again reaching out to our faith-based community with a request for specific school supplies and is asking for donations of **coloring markers**. Donations may be left at St. James United Church or the Bridges to Hope Office (39 Cookstown Road).

**Queen's College Faculty of Theology is looking** for an individual with experience and achievements as a leader and theological educator to join our team and community as Provost / Chief Executive Officer. An information package is available at [http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page\\_id=439](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439)

**Minute for Mission:** Gender inequality has a direct impact on what food is available to families in some African countries. Women often have limited access to land to grow food for their families, and credit to purchase seeds. Women are also frequently vulnerable to moneylenders. A key focus of M & S partner The Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) is supporting women. OAIC is an association of African-founded churches; its member churches serve a fellowship of over 30 million people across Africa and are largely found in informal urban settlements and in rural areas of Africa. Congregations serve people living on the economic margins. The United Church of Canada supports various OAIC programs, including the Livelihoods Programme. This program works with member churches to design and implement responses to hunger and poverty. For example, in Vihiga County, Western Kenya, farms are small with rocky soil. Twenty women farmers from the Africa Divine Church are organized in a cooperative demonstration farm, planting high-value crops such as vegetables, bananas, and sweet potatoes, inter-crop with maize and sorghum. OAIC provides technical support and trains farmers on storing crops and securing markets for surplus produce. The whole community works together for food security. Schools have been mobilized to grow food and teach better farming practices. In addition, OAIC has helped the community advocate with local and national governments for resources supporting agriculture. Together with Mission & Service, OAIC is helping communities in Kenya work toward a better future.

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