

St. James United Church

August 18, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Guest Preacher:	Katie Vardy
Organist:	Bob Rose
Soloist:	Jean Rose
Usher in Charge:	Maxine Rose
Greeter:	Vera Marshall
Ushers:	Shirley Burse, Joan Barbour, Betty Winsor

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

All: But the vines grew wild. The ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

One: What happened in that place of promise?

All: People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.

One: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

All: Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word.

OPENING PRAYER: (Together) Lord of light and life, You have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear Your words of encouragement, healing and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve You in all that we do. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV 144

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

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OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING (SOLO: *Were You There*)

OFFERTORY SONG:

*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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Together) Faithful God, bless the gifts we bring to You today. Use them and us to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world so that Your goodness will grow among Your people, and Your name honoured for Christ's sake. Amen.

SOLO: *It is Well With My Soul*

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 12:49-56

MEDITATION

HYMN: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 670

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *It Only Takes a Spark* 289

COMMISSIONING: (Together) Plant us again in Your vineyard, O Lord. Help us to grow in our witness and service to You by serving others. May Your peace always be with us! Amen.

BENEDICTION FOLLOWED BY MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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

Minute for Mission: The Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) is a pan-African Christian organization that was started in 1959 to build good relations between Christians and Muslims. It brings together communities of faith, in spite of their differences, to work together for justice, peace, and reconciliation. Countries in Africa are advised to stay secular, says the Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei, Programme Director of PROCMURA. "There is so much fighting happening these days, and religion has been the most divisive factor here. overshadowing economic factors." While this is not unique to Africa, it is evident there that education is a key tool in fostering good relations for Africans. PROCMURA has partnered with St. Paul's University in Nairobi, Kenya, to create a Master of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations program. Mutei has a strong conviction that religious education such as this will lead

to a deeper understanding of each other's beliefs. A visitor listening to the students in this program was moved by their enthusiasm for engaging in work they hoped would help others understand Christian-Muslim relations. Canadians have much to learn from this organization. We give thanks for the United Church's partnership with PROCMURA through Mission and Service.

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 18, 2019

We extend a warm welcome to Katie Vardy who is leading us in worship this morning.

Financial Update: 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.)

Givings for:	July 28:	\$3,557
	August 4:	\$2,353
	August 11:	\$3,009

SuAn returns from vacation on Tuesday, August 20 and will resume regular office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-3:30pm.

Both Rev. Brian and Susan Sheppard return from vacation on Wednesday, August 21. 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.

The End of Summer Bonfire and Service on Middle Cove Beach will take place Wednesday, August 28, 7pm. Bring your own lawn chair, snacks and beverages.

Music Under the Dome - A Summer Lunchtime Concert Series: Cochrane Street United Church is hosting a series of lunch hour concerts from

12:15-1:00. Enjoy some great local music over your lunch break.

(There is a suggested minimum donation of \$10).

August 20: Katherine Moffatt, accompanied by Evan Smith

August 27: Saltwater Strings: Dominic Green & Brett Vey

Best Kind Productions presents Andrew Lloyd Webber's and Tim Rice's classic, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Bowring Park's beautiful amphitheatre, **today, August 18: 2:00pm and 6:30pm**. Admission (at the gate, cash only): \$20 Adults / \$10 Children 12 & Under. Cabot 500 Amphitheatre, Bowring Park, featuring "opening act" concerts 30 minutes before each showtime. Please contact: bestkindproductions@gmail.com for more information.

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).

Bridges to Hope and Clay Café are teaming up to fight hunger. On Wednesday, August 21, 5:30–7:00 pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church you can get a hand painted bowl filled with turkey or pea soup, a slice of homemade bread, and water for \$20. For more information or to pre-order go to www.bridgestope.ca

Thursday, August 22, 12:30-1:30pm: the Alzheimer Society of NL will be hosting another Lunch & Learn webinar with information on the First Link program, including how to become a referring partner. This presentation is free and open to the public. If you are interested in registering for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or give us a call at (709) 576-0608.

Beer and Hymns: August 25, 2-5 pm at 203 Logy Bay Road (St. Mark’s Anglican Church). There will be hymns and summer games. This month we are featuring beer from Ninepenny Brewing and the amazing food from Poko Loko Food Truck.

If you would like to participate in any of the following activities on a Sunday, please fill out the information below and return it to the office.

I can help with the following on some Sunday:

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Testing the sound system</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Coffee Hour</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Communion</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ushering</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Music Presentation</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Scripture Reading</u>

Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____