

St. James United Church

August 25, 2019/Baptism Sunday/Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Usher in Charge:	Oliver Wellon
Greeters and Ushers:	Tom & Maxine Rose, Linda Babstock, Gilbert Thomas

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: *Sheep May Safely Graze*

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) As light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May His light bring life into the darkness of this world.

INTROIT: *Praise to the Lord* (VU 220, verse 1)
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O, my soul, praise Him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, let us praise God together.

All: Young, old and in between, we come to worship God.

One: Because God loves to receive our praise,

All: And God loves to hear our prayers.

One: We thank God for each person in our midst.

All: So come, let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Wonderful Creator God, as we join in praise, in prayer, in song and worship here, we feel Your Spirit around us. Let the warmth of Your loving presence transform us, making us whole. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *This Is God's Wondrous World*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Chad Francis Belbin

child of Joanne and Mark Belbin

PRESENTATION

PARENTS' BAPTISMAL VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive this family in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support them through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

ACTION OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM CHORUS:

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
for I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A New Creed 918

HYMN: *I Danced in the Morning* 352

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING SOLO: *I See the Love of God in Every River*
by David Ouchterlony

OFFERTORY SONG: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made know:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) O Lord, we present these gifts and the gifts of our own living, sharing and action, so that Your will on earth may be fulfilled. Amen.

SOLO: *I'll Walk with God*
words: Paul F. Webster; music: Nicholas Brodzsky

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

MEDITATION

HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story* 343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) Let us go forth into the world, among all people, and may our love so shine upon stranger and neighbour that all may know we follow Christ.

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: *Improvisation on 'I Love to Tell the Story'.*

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 25, 2019

We extend a big thank you to Amy for her work as Special Projects Implementer this summer.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations in loving memory of Ethel Verge:

- *to the General Fund from Julie Tucker;
- *to the Youth Ministries from Ruth Shute.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband Bas Jamieson from Lorna.

<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Givings for: August 4: \$2,353 August 11:\$3,009 August 18:\$2,915</p>

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.

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

This evening at 7: Soprano, Noelle Slaney and Brian Way will be presenting a recital at St. David's Presbyterian Church. Entitled *‘Songs to a Seagull’*, the recital boasts a program of bird song and sea shanties by Verdi, Schubert, Joni Mitchell and others. Admission is \$20 general and \$15 student.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, August 26.

Tuesday, August 27: Last of the Summer Lunchtime Concerts:
Music under the Dome at Cochrane Street United Church: 12:15–1pm.
Saltwater Strings: Dominic Green & Brett Vey. (There is a suggested minimum donation of \$10).

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

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of healing and reconciliation. Gitxsan Nation is a First Nations community in British Columbia that has challenges stemming from the impact of Indian residential schools. One is the loss of traditional parenting, usually transferred from grandparents and parents to children, which has contributed to the community’s social issues, such as unhealthy relationships, social isolation, substance use, and crime. In spite of these challenges, the Gitxsan Nation envisions health and wellness growing stronger among its people. The Healing Continues project is a holistic program designed to teach families traditional parenting skills, provide cultural psycho-education (grief, stress reduction, etc.), and help them participate in ceremonies on the land. Elders conduct home visits to support the families, model traditional parenting, and provide mentorship. Community services are also contributing to the project by training their workers to offer experiential, land-based healing. In using the Gitxsan healing model, based on the community’s knowledge and practices, Gitxsan Nation is reconnecting families with their community to reduce isolation and stress, and help them learn healthy behaviours and traditional parenting.

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

Name: _____

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