

St. James United Church

August 4, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Guest Preacher:	Heather Cronhelm
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Duet:	Alison Petten & Glenda Winsor
Usher in Charge:	Aubrey Hill
Greeters & Ushers:	Ruby Hill, Patsy Collins, Shirley Downey, Bruce Hunt

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: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

OPENING PRAYER: (Together) Gracious God, who creates, sustains, and redeems all life, we come seeking Your disturbing presence and comforting peace. We praise You for the joy of being Your people. May Your spirit be with us and move within us in this time of worship. Give us hearts to hear Your word, and minds that are open to the transforming power of Your love. AMEN

HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* 232

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *It Only Takes a Spark* 289

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) Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in Your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray in Jesus' name.
AMEN

DUET: *Pie Jesu*

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 2:18-23
Luke 12:13-21

MEDITATION: *Looking Beyond the Walls*

HYMN: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV 138

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* 288

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Part of this service material was provided by "Celebrate God's Presence".

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support work with advocacy organizations like the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Setsuko Thurlow, a long-time United Church member & a survivor of the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo on behalf of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). When the atomic bomb hit on August 6, 1945, killing more than 140,000 people, Setsuko was a mobilized student for the war effort at the army headquarters approximately 1.8 kilometres from the hypocentre. Eight of her family members and 351 of her schoolmates and teachers died in the attack. "As a 13-year-old schoolgirl, I witnessed my city of Hiroshima blinded by the flash, flattened by the hurricane-like blast, burned in 4,000-degree Celsius heat, and contaminated by the radiation of one atomic bomb," she said in 2014. After

moving to Canada, Setsuko and her husband were active in various peace and disarmament organizations. In 1974, she established Hiroshima-Nagasaki Relived, a group that reminds people of the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki through photos and stories. She has travelled to dozens of countries to share her story of survival and alert people to the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to all humanity. Setsuko says, "hibakusha (survivors of the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki) are convinced that no human being should ever have to repeat our experience of the inhumane, immoral, and cruel atomic bombing."

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 4, 2019

We offer our condolences to Peter Tuff and Suzanne Walbourne on the passing of their mother, Pauline Tuff, on Sunday, July 28. Her funeral took place on Friday at Carnell's Funeral Home.

We extend a warm welcome to Heather Cronhelm who is leading us in worship this morning. Heather is working on her Master of Divinity degree at the Atlantic School of Theology and is a candidate for the United Church ordained ministry.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Ethel Verge from Christopher Pratt.

<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>Givings for: July 14: \$2,386 July 21: \$2,758 July 28: \$3,557</p>
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Both Rev. Brian and Susan Sheppard are on vacation until Wednesday, August 21. The following individuals will cover our Sunday worship services:

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 (tomorrow), 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the service will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

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 6: Third Wheel: Evan Smith, Tiffany Pinhorn Smith & Tyler Massie

August 13: Michelle Eagles and Brad Jefford

August 20: Katherine Moffatt, accompanied by Evan Smith

August 27: Saltwater Strings: Dominic Green & Brett Vey

Best Kind Productions presents Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's classic, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Bowring Park's beautiful amphitheatre, Thursday, August 8 to Sunday, August 11: 6:30pm and Thursday, August 15 to Sunday, August 18: 6:30pm.

Saturday and Sunday matinées both weekends at 2:00pm. 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).

The Seniors Memory Mug Up at The Market is a free and informal story sharing session for seniors, where people gather, have a cup of tea, and share memories with the goal of helping seniors preserve their stories. It takes place the second Sunday of the month from April 2019-March 2020, 2-3pm in the Community Room at the St. John's Farmers' Market, 245 Freshwater Road. For more information call Terra Barrett with Heritage NL at 739-1892 ext. 5 or email terra@heritagenl.com.

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