

St. James United Church

September 1, 2019/ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Usher in Charge:	David Hapgood
Greeters & Ushers:	Vera Marshall, Muriel Cole, Helen Penney, Linda Babstock

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: *Menuet français*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather in love of God to worship, hoping to find some new way of knowing our God.

All: We come seeking You, O God.

One: We gather in the love and fellowship of one another, offering our friendship and support. Ready to serve.

All: We come seeking You, O Jesus.

One: We gather in awe of a holy, loving presence, seeking an experience beyond ourselves.

All: We come seeking You, Holy Spirit.

One: Come, let us worship and experience the Holy presence of God, three in One.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Loving God, we thank You for our family and friends here. We are grateful for their caring and their wisdom, their humour and the talents they share with us. We thank You for new friends in our midst, and the opportunity to get to know them better. May our service today make us ever closer companions on the Christian journey. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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) The work of our hands and our hearts, our time and talents and our commitment, all these we offer to You O God, in hope that they will be of benefit to the needs in our community and the world. Bless and multiply them to Your use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN: *Take Time to be Holy* 672

SOLO: *Ave Maria*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23
Mark 6: 30-34 and 53-56

MEDITATION

HYMN: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 626

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *O Lord My God, How Great Thou Art* 238

COMMISSIONING: (One) God in Jesus calls us even above the noise and busyness of our lives: *"Reach out to your neighbour, do justice, love kindness, and together, walk humbly with your God."*

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: (*Improv.*) *'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say'*

Minute for Mission: During a pilgrimage to Colombia for justice and peace organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) in February, 2018, Christians witnessed the need for peace and justice in the midst of the troubled peace process. For more than 60 years, civil war has afflicted Colombia. The key issue is land ownership. About 80 percent of land in Colombia is owned by just 14 percent of the population. Governments and guerrilla fighters have worked toward resolution of the long-standing conflict. The WCC pilgrimage included opportunities to speak with former fighters, people displaced by war, senior politicians, and those whose social identity—Indigenous, Afro-Colombian, LGBTQ Two-Spirit—make them especially vulnerable. The visits amplified the call for peace from Colombian churches, which are often drowned out by voices opposed to land reform, or those who make a profit from war. The WCC is a Mission & Service partner. As a member of the WCC, The United Church of Canada is a part of the council's focus on supporting justice and peace efforts through pilgrimage. These are not just

physical pilgrimages. Through the WCC Pilgrimage for Justice and Peace, all United Church people are invited to pray, study, reflect theologically and biblically, have courageous conversations, take action, offer a pledge of commitment and hold public liturgies for peace. Be part of the pilgrimage—learn more at www.united-church.ca

St. James United Church Life and Work, September 1, 2019

We offer our condolences to Christopher Penney on the passing of his father, Bruce Penney, on August 26. The funeral service was held yesterday in Glovertown.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Gilbert Hiscock from wife Ruby and family.

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 Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 2.

Next Sunday, September 8 sees the annual start-up of our Contemporary Service at new time of 9am.

Sunday, September 8, 2-3pm in the Community Room at the St. John's Farmers' Market, 245 Freshwater Road: *The Seniors Memory Mug Up*. This 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. For more information call Terra Barrett with Heritage NL at 739-1892 ext. 5 or email terra@heritagenl.com

Monday, September 9, 3-6pm: Susan's Sewing Studio Fall Session begins. Are you looking to join a sociable group? No matter your gender, age, ability or faith, drop in anytime between 3 and 6 to start or continue a project. Relax, sew, chat, laugh and receive help and friendship from others in an informal atmosphere. Just bring yourself, your sewing machine and materials.

Thursday, September 12: 2-4pm: Café of Memories 2019 at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pearl for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers, hosted by the Alzheimer Society of NL and Lodge Westmoorland. Call 576-0608 to register - no charge.

Sunday, September 15, 2-6:30pm: United Communities of Faith joint church picnic at The Sunshine Camp on Thorburn Road. There will be food, crafts, stories, games and entertainment. This is a free event – just show up! Rain venue will be at St. James.

Saturday, September 21 at 5pm: Burry Heights Dinner Theater. Entertainment is provided by young members of the Burry Heights community. Dinner tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/children. Email burryheightsday@gmail.com or call 754-8824 for tickets or more info.

Sunday, September 22, noon -2pm: St. James' Third Annual Diversity Fair in our Auditorium. Come learn about groups working to make St. John's a more inclusive and just community. Refreshments will be served.

September Remember:

***When coming to St. James** during the week, day or afternoon, please remember to park in the line nearest Elizabeth Avenue, reserved for Church Parking. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

***Telephone Extensions:** When you need to call after hours or leave a message for the ministers or office, please use the following extensions:

Church Office, 200;

Rev. Brian Colbourne, 202;

Susan Sheppard, 204;

Property Office, 205;

Choir Room, 206;

Kitchen, 207.

Please note that the Property Office, the Choir Room and the Kitchen do not have mailboxes for messages.

Student and/or Visitor contact information:

If you would like to be on our Email list for weekly Congregational notices regarding upcoming events, please share your contact information below and return it to an usher.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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