

## St. James United Church

September 22, 2019/ Creation Time 3

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director:	Branden Olsen
Greeters & Ushers:	Grace Dean, Florence Head, Ruby Hill, Brenda Kelleher Flight, Maxine Rose

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *As the Deer Pants*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (adapted from Psalm 113:3, 4,7&9)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**All: The Lord is high above all nations, and the Lord's glory above the heavens.**

One: God raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) Loving God, You are our heart's desire. We praise You and exalt You, and wish most of all to please You. May our worship reflect our love for You and our commitment to each other. As we worship, grant us the courage, the healing, the hope that we need. Amen.

**HYMN:** *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

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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) Lord, if not for You we would have nothing to sustain us. Take these gifts, our offering, and use them, as well as our growing faith, to provide a way we might use our skills to foster justice and mercy, compassion and hope to Your waiting world. May all that we have and are find fulfillment in ministry for the sake of Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**HYMN:** *Jesus Calls Us* 562

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Timothy 2: 1-7  
Luke 16: 1-13

**ANTHEM:** *Alleluia to the Triune Majesty*

**MEDITATION:** "Accountable to God"

**HYMN:** *Take My Life and Let It Be* 506  
(Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *I Feel the Winds of God* 625

**COMMISSIONING:** (One) Let us leave this place with thanksgiving and love in our hearts. May the love of God pour out from our souls, run wild and make this a community of love, grace and forgiveness.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

**Thought for today:** Our stewardship of what God has given us has profound consequences.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs for children and families living in community housing areas like Ardglen in Brampton, Ontario. The Journey Neighbourhood Centre looks like every other store in the strip mall where it is located, but once you enter, you encounter a different world—one filled with art, laughing children, enthusiastic volunteers, and interns from the Social Work program at Ryerson University. One of these interns is Maria, who came to Toronto as a teen from Colombia to live with her father. *"At first, I didn't like it here,"* says Maria sitting at the table preparing snacks for the children who would be arriving from school to participate in the KidZone program. *"Over time I have come to really love this country, and I wanted to do something to make a difference in the world. That is why I*

*chose social work.*" Maria and the other interns speak passionately about the centre and the children who come through the door. *"They are just wonderful!"* Your gifts offer children and families in community housing a place to come to share in food and fun.

**Accessibility at St. James United Church**

Hearing Devices

Wheelchairs

Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

**St. James has a Little Free Library,**

open to the community, on a *"take a book, leave a book"* principle. Please feel free to bring a gently used book to the wooden cabinet in the side door lobby, and to take a book as you leave

*St. James United Church Life and Work, September 22, 2019*

**We offer our condolences** to Dr. Brian Ramjattan and family on the passing of Brian's father, Frank Ramjattan on September 18. His funeral will take place tomorrow at 2pm at St. James.

**We gratefully acknowledge** a donation to Project Grace in loving memory of Frank Ramjattan from Dot and David Hapgood.

**Please join us for Coffee Hour** hosted by our AOTS Men's Group after the 11am Service today.

**This afternoon, 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.

<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> <p>Givings for: September 1: \$2,721 September 8: \$3,225 September 15: \$5,274</p>
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**Tickets are now available** from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306, for our semi-annual Fish Dinner on Friday, October 25 at 6pm

**Did you usher over the summer** and take your name tag home with you?

If you find you have an usher name tag at home, please drop it off at the office. Many thanks!

**Coughlan College Trust Fund Scholarship Application:** If you know of a student who is a member of the UCC and enrolled in a degree program or a 3-year diploma program at a post-

secondary institution, they may be eligible for this scholarship. Please see the application form on the notice board or speak with SuAn. Deadline for applications is October 15.

**Monday, September 23, 3-6pm:** Susan's Loose Threads Sewing Studio Fall Session is cancelled for this week.

**Wednesday, September 25:**

**\*AOTS and UCW Choirs'** first practice together at 10am. New members welcome!

**\*Spiritual Fellowship:** Starting September 25, join us Wednesdays, between 12 noon and 2pm for a half hour Worship Service in the Youth Chapel followed by lunch and social time. Bring along your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Drop in and join in, for some or for all. Everyone is welcome.

**\*Our Friendship Group** will have their first lunch meeting, eating at 1pm. Bring lunch and a mug. New members welcome!

**\*Our Youth Choir** will begin practices at 7pm. New members needed!

**Mark you calendars** for Saturday, November 30: Bethlehem Market at St. James; details to follow.

**Bridges to Hope Fundraiser:** Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm

Spirit of Newfoundland Productions presents *Over The Narrows And Into History*, dinner and a show at Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre, Tickets are \$80 each. [www.bridgestohope.ca](http://www.bridgestohope.ca) or 722-9225.

**Project Grace is offering:** *\*Music Lessons for Grown Ups* on Tuesday evenings, September 17 - November 7, 7:30-8:30 for \$120 per person at The Bethany Center. Registration is now open online: [www.projectgrace.ca](http://www.projectgrace.ca)

**\*Project Grace is now accepting** registration for their After School Music Program for children in grades 1 through 12. Lessons are offered in violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, percussion and ukulele. Please visit [www.projectgrace.ca](http://www.projectgrace.ca) to learn more & to sign up!

**Wesley United Church** Jiggs Dinner and a game of Auction, Thursday, October 3, starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and will need to be bought and paid for in advance. There will be somebody in attendance at the Church office from Monday, September 23 - Friday the 27, 1-3:30pm. For information call Pheobe at 726-1689 or Marvin at 579-7900.

*"An Evening with Kevin Collins"*, at The Salvation Army Temple, Torbay Road, Saturday, September 28 at 7:30 pm. All proceeds will be in aid of the Glenbrook Lodge. Tickets (\$20) are available by calling Bernice (368-1850), Glenys (739-6391), Frances (745-5232), or the Glenbrook Lodge (743-0094).

**Please see the Community notice board** outside the Sanctuary for information on some community events.

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