

St. James United Church

October 6, 2019/World Wide Communion Sunday

Minister: Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist: Amy Dalziel
Choirs: AOTS, UCW
Choirs' Director: Doreen Brown
Usher in Charge: Kim Mayo
Greeters and Ushers: Gerry, Katelyn and Laura Mayo
Shirley Feltham, Jean Thompson

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 are here this morning, surrounded by the promises of the faith and alive to opportunities yet to be experienced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: *Take My Life, Lead Me Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Light, love and liberty are the gifts of God.

All: We come in peace.

One: Bread, wine and friendship are gifts of Christ.

All: We come in joy.

One: Wisdom, compassion and grace are the gifts of the Spirit,

All: We come in hope.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) O God, we gather as Christians all over the world gather. Some, like us, gather in freedom and without fear. Others gather in secret, in the shadows. Others gather not really knowing why they gather at all. Regardless of our place or our circumstance, all of us gather to hear Your word, to praise Your name, to feel Your presence, and to ask for Your guidance. Hear us now as we pray, and strengthen us as we worship. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* 663

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING ANTHEM: *Before I Take the Body of My Lord* 462

OFFERTORY CHORUS: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) God of all life, we offer ourselves to Your service. We lift before you these gifts of our time, our talents, and our labor, all of which have first come to us by Your blessing. May these gifts become like tiny mustard seeds growing with abundance, transformed by Your grace into the ever-bearing fruit of love and service in Your name. Amen.

ANTHEM: *The House of Our God* Choirs

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Luke 17: 5-10

MEDITATION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION: (One) God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together) Holy One, sometimes the trials of our lives can seem too heavy a burden to bear. The slings and stones of the world hurt us deeply. Forgive us when we lash out at those who seek to wound our spirits. Forgive us when we forget to return hatred with love. Forgive us when we forget to forgive ourselves for our very human reactions. Help us to remember to take refuge in You, for You forgive our failings and redeem us in Your faithfulness. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A NEW CREED 918

HYMN: *One Bread, One Body* 467

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please follow the congregation communion liturgy.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (together) God of great mystery, we have shared in Your feast, not only with those who gather in the place this morning, we also share this Holy Communion with sisters, brothers, and siblings around the world. A range of languages and smiles have praised You, O God, from all around the earth. Unite us to one another. Recommit us to Your cause. May your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *I See a New Heaven*

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SENDING FORTH: (One) We are the mustard seed. We are the yeast. We are the children who feast at God's feast. We are the ones who are called to go forth, filled with the Spirit to love as Christ loves.

BLESSING

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 6, 2019

We offer our condolences to Daphne Coish, her family and friends, on the passing of Daphne's beloved husband, Rev. Bill Coish on September 30. His funeral service will take place from St. James tomorrow, Monday, October 7 at 2pm.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Project Grace in loving memory of Rev. Bill Coish from Dot and David Hapgood.

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| <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> <table><tr><td>Givings:</td><td>September 15: \$5,274</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>September 22: \$2,977</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>September 29: \$4,188</td></tr></table> | Givings: | September 15: \$5,274 | | September 22: \$2,977 | | September 29: \$4,188 |
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Did you usher over the summer and still have your name tag in your pocket? If so, please return it for future use; many thanks!

Monday, October 7: Susan's Sewing Studio begins at **3:30pm**.

Tuesday, October 8 at 2pm: Pleasant View Towers Worship Service. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

Wednesday October 24: Our Friendship Group meets; lunch at 1pm

NEW NEW: Friday, October 11: AOTS and UCW Choirs will now practice together at **10am** in the Fellowship Room. New members welcome!

Next Saturday, October 12: Thanksgiving Potluck in our Auditorium at 6pm. All welcome.

Friday, October 25: Fish Dinner at 6pm: Tickets are now available from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Saturday, October 26: Halloween Pipe Organ Workshop: *A fun and engaging introduction to the pipe organ featuring Halloween music, age-appropriate games and activities and a Halloween candy hunt. No piano or pipe organ knowledge necessary. Please contact Amy at amd637@mun.ca for further information or to register for the event.*

9:30-10:30: Ages 5-7 (parental attendance required)

11:00-12:00: Ages 5-7 (dependent on enrolment - parental attendance)

12:30-1:30: Ages 8-10: 2:00-3:00: Teenagers: Cost: \$10

Our UCW Fall Sale is on Saturday, November 2 this year, 9:45am - noon. \$7 tickets can be purchased from any UCW member, who loves to see you there!

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

Minute for Mission: The vision statement of United Church Women (UCW) includes a call to continuous prayer and learning, leading to action—and UCW across the church have faithfully answered that call for over 55 years! *“As women of faith.... we believe in affirming and strengthening ourselves, both individually and together through creative study, prayer, and action,”* says the UCW’s vision statement. During the UCW’s 55th anniversary event in 2017, support for a project at the Morogoro Women’s Training Centre in Tanzania was celebrated. The women have supported the training of hundreds of traditional birth attendants, who have saved half a million women and children from dying in childbirth. Our gifts for Mission & Service support the UCW as it learns about our changing world. Imagine the strength of women who have learned about and taken action on gender justice and inclusion, truth and reconciliation, intercultural ministries, students and theological education, climate justice, the work of global partners, inter-faith initiatives, refugee support, and so much more! The United Church’s Song of Faith states, *“We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ’s presence in the world”*. We are thankful that the UCW has been an example of what it means to truly love our neighbours.

This afternoon at 3: Sing Together! Hymn Festival at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 8 Military Road – an hour of singing and hearing stories. T. Wes Moore of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church (North Carolina, USA) will lead this hour of song and story. This is a free event; all are welcome. www.singingnetwork.ca/sing-together

Topsail United Church:* Thanksgiving breakfast, Saturday, October 12, 8 – 11am. Cost \$ 8

adults, Children under 12, \$ 4.

*Monday Oct. 14, annual Fall Sale of Baked Goods, Preserves with Soup Luncheon, 11am – 1pm. Luncheon cost: \$8 Adults, Children \$4. All are welcome to both.

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