

St. James United Church

November 17, 2019/Anniversary Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Guest Minister:	Rev. Jim von Riesen
Organist:	Branden Olsen
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director:	Branden Olsen
Choir Accompanist:	Shelby Marshall
Usher in Charge:	Barry Cutler
Greeters and Ushers:	Linda Babstock, Sandra Thistle, Bill & Cindy Pike

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND WORK

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: (One) We light this candle as a reminder that the Eternal Divine Spirit moves around, among and within us, calling us into Sacred Community.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of Your steadfast love:

All: with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

All: with You is the fountain of grace; in Your hope we see hope.

One: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

All: with You is the fountain of joy; in Your life we see life.

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (together) Eternal, loving Spirit, we gather as a community of people on The Way, seeking to follow Jesus' example and teaching. As we worship today, we pray that we might open our hearts, minds and lives to be aware of Your presence around, among and within us. Amen.

HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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We Respond to God's Love

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY CHORUS: *We Give You But Your Own*

*We give You but Your Own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Yours alone; we give it gratefully.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Sometimes, loving God, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of Your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to You in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Homeward bound* by Marta Keen

Choir

We Listen for God's Word

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 62: 1-5

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 36

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HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

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GOSPEL READING: John 2: 1-11

MEDITATION: A Sign, a sign, give me a sign!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending Forth

HYMN: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

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COMMISSIONING:

One: Go boldly into the future with God's eternal presence always with you.

All: We know that God's Spirit is beside us whatever happens and wherever we go; that Christ who calls us friend will walk beside us, and the Spirit who makes all things new will mark our way with light and hope.

One: May it be so!

All: **We leave here to continue our journey of faith; open to receive the gifts of life and to share the love we have been given. May our living be filled with the joy of knowing that the Spirit of Life dwells within us and all around us. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service provide opportunities for children to explore how they can change the world one step at a time. High Country United Church in Mono, Ontario, became a place of fun and laughter when it hosted the GO Project Adventure Camp for children in Grades 2 to 7. Children explored their faith and justice through unique service projects. One program involved shopping at a local grocery store and then delivering the food and diapers to the Orangeville Food Bank. Participants' eyes were opened to what it means to need a food bank in their community. This program is presented as a day camp experience with trained camp staff facilitating. It offers fun camp experiences, such as games, songs, crafts, small groups, delicious food, and a fun time in a safe, intentional community. It is a great way to engage the children of your congregation in what it means to be called to love our neighbours. Thank you for your gifts for Mission & Service that provide opportunities for children to explore faith in a fun and safe environment.

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 17, 2019

We offer our condolences to Sandra Thistle, her family and friends, on the passing of Sandra's sister, Jean Pike on November 7. Jean's funeral service took place from St. James last Monday.

Rev. Brian's doctor has advised him to take a two week rest. We wish him well and look forward to his return. In the event of an emergency, please contact the church office during business hours, Monday – Thursday, and Susan Sheppard by our pager number, 727-4067.

Please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by our UCW, after the 11am service today.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of "Dad & Mom, Bill & Sally Taylor, from Marilyn & Ralph Taylor. Thank you to the congregation and staff for their care of Mom & Dad, especially through the later stages of their lives. St. James is a special place for our family. As you approach another Anniversary, may it be a celebration of thanksgiving and joy."

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations in loving memory of Ben Lake:

***to the General Fund from:**

*Lynn & Jeff Babstock

*Curtis & Pam Williams

*Wallace & Audrey Williams

- *Clarence & Eleanor Lake
- *Vincent & Elaine Power
- *Heman Whalen
- *Halcum & Winnifred Stanley
- *Guards Athletic Association
- *Frances Winsor
- *Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher Flight

***to the Memorial Fund from:**

- Marilyn & Gordon Adams
- *Don & Helen Hodder
- *Rita Mallard and Grace Noel
- *James Fitzpatrick
- *Glen & Carmel Saunders

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.)

Givings: October 27:	\$3,224
November 3:	\$3,168
November 10:	\$4,861

Monday, November 18:

3-6pm: Susan's 'Loose Threads' Sewing Studio continues.

7:30pm: Rendez-vous 2020: All youth and parents are invited to a meeting in the Fellowship Room concerning the 2020 summer Rendez-vous Youth Gathering in Calgary.

Wednesday November 20:

***Spiritual Fellowship: 12 noon - 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.

***AOTS monthly meet and eat** at 5 for 5:30pm. Our guest speaker, Heather Powell, will be talking about ways to prevent falling as we age.

Next Saturday November 23rd 10:00 am – 2:30 pm: Christmas is in the air and we are looking for your help to decorate the church Sanctuary. All ages welcome and this is a great family event. Hope you can join us.

The popular Palestinian olive oil, dates and seasoning are again available for purchase from Karen Brown, 689-7297.

Stella's Circle annual Christmas event seeking donations of gift cards. Gail Thornhill, Housing Director for Stella's Circle, notes: *"St James UC has been generously supportive of the Stella's Circle annual Christmas service and dinner. The past couple of years the congregation has*

donated gift cards to be given out at the dinner as draw prizes.” Cards can be dropped off at our church office by Wednesday, December 4.

This evening at 7 at First United Church, Mount Pearl: Evening of Gospel Music with Blended Voices Choir, featuring the group ‘The Right Fit’.

Gower St. UC Men’s Club 49th Annual Auction, November 19: Silent Auction at 5pm; Ham and Beans Dinner at 6pm (call Gower Street Church Office, 753-7286, to reserve a dinner ticket at the door); Main Auction at 7pm. There will be more than 100 items!

Bethlehem Market, Saturday, November 30 at St. James!

Admission: \$2.00 single; \$5.00 family of 3 or more

Sanctuary: Nativity with music

11-11:30: Contemporary

12-12:30: Children’s Music

1-1:30: Pipe Organ

2-2:30: St. James’ Guitar Group

Auditorium: Bethlehem Market Café

10-11:30: Muffin and drink \$2.00

11:30- 2: Hot dog, drink and a sweet \$5.00

Soup, roll, drink and a sweet \$5.00

*Live animals

*Bake Sale

*Craft Sale

*Flea Market

*Fish Pond

*Carpenter Shop

Items for the bake table and the café can be dropped off at the church anytime after 1 pm on Friday

Items remaining to be volunteered:

*Soup - 1 Vegetarian, 3 Turkey, 1 Pea and 1 Beef

*7 Dozen dinner rolls

*5 Dozen Hot Dog Rolls

*4 Dozen Cookies

Happy 61st St. James United Church!

Love Remains

Happiness grows as each year passes
And trials test the love that will grow.

Pleasures of the heart remain a treasure,
Perhaps a memory of some time ago.

Yesterday's joys are your heart's treasure
And love remains to guard the store.

Now and then we are reminded,
It is love (the key) that unlocks the door.

Vivid are the scenes of days gone by,
Each thought, a page from the past,

Reminding us that God guides our path and
Yielding to His will, our love will last.

by Judy Crowe



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