

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
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The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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This bulletin is dedicated to:

**REV. REBECCA PIKE,**

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As we celebrate her Commissioning as a Diaconal  
Minister with the United Church of Canada

Love Stephen and Susan

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May 23, 2021/Day of Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Marion Davis  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown  
Director of Music: Amy Dalziel  
Soloist: Glenda Winsor  
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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background or sexual orientation.

## We Gather as God's People

### MUSICAL PRELUDE

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

### WELCOME

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Holy Spirit came as fire and wind.

**All: Come Holy Spirit, come!**

One: People of all genders, all ages, all cultures witnessed the day of Pentecost.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit come!**

One: The people were bewildered, astonished, amazed! They wondered:

**All: What are we to do?**

One: Then Peter stood and raised his voice.

**All: We need to know: what did he say?**

One: He said: "We're not drunk. We are filled with God's Spirit so that we can tell you about Jesus of Nazareth."

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

One: The Spirit danced in fire and in a multitude of languages. The Spirit was poured out on those from young to old.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

One: Dare to be dreamers and to believe.

**All: Come Holy Spirit come.**

One: Dare to believe in what can and could be, for God is gracious. God is the Creator. God's love knows no bounds.

**All: Come Holy Spirit come! Come, abide and empower us today!**

*Sandra Litt, St. James U.C., Waterdown, ON in Gathering 2021 p30*

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

You speak to your people in so many ways. In wind and fire...  
in cloud and thunder in moments of great confusion and in the spaces in between. In  
our lives – in the busy-ness and the quiet – help us to hear your voice. Help us to  
live your love. Help us to be your people, this day and beyond. Amen

Richard Bott in Gathering, Pentecost 1, 2018, p. 28

**HYMN:**                    *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*                    VU 368

**We Respond to God's Love**

**RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS:**

We have gathered our gifts together and have donated online, by PAR, by letter  
drop, as well as in the offering plate and now we dedicate them to God in gratitude  
and praise.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

One:        We bring our gifts to you, O God.

**All:        Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts.**

**Accept what we offer and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Celebrate God's Presence p50

**We Listen to and for God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (in unison)

**In humility, we, your people, come to hear your Word, Most Holy God. We  
come to be stirred by the wisdom of your Spirit. Amen**

Susan Lukey in Gathering Pentecost 1, 2018, p. 28

**SCRIPTURE READING:**        Acts 2:1-21 Paul Walsh, reader

**RESPONSIVE READING:**        Psalm 104:24-35        VU 827

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. R**

There lies the great and mighty Sea,  
teeming with living things both great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,  
the monster you made to play in it.**

All these look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up.**

**When you open your hand,  
you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair.

When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.  
**But when you send out your spirit, they live again,  
and you renew the face of the earth. R**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.  
**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth it trembles,  
**when you touch the mountains they smoke.**  
I will sing to God as long as I live.  
**I will praise my God while I have being. R**

**MUSICAL SELECTION:**        *Come, O Holy Spirit*    MV 23

**SCRIPTURE READING:**        Romans 8:22-27

**REFLECTION ON THE WORD:** “Maranatha: Come Spirit, Come”

**REFLECTIVE MUSIC:**        *All Who Are Thirsty*        MV 4

### **We Are Sent Forth to Live Our Faith**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN:**    *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*                    VU 382

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die;  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

### **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

## Life and Work – May 23, 2021

**We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:**

\*In memory of Winona Kelsey from Brenda and Clyde Flight

**We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:**

\*In memory of May Stokes, Shirley Ford, and Barbara Myles from Jean and family

**We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:**

\*In memory of Guy G. Hann from Nellie Hann and family

**Topsail United Church & Friends Presents "Spring has Sprung!",** a virtual concert fundraiser, Fri. May 28 at 7pm. Tickets at [Facebook.com/TopsailUnitedChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TopsailUnitedChurch) and [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or contact [office@topsailunited.ca](mailto:office@topsailunited.ca) or 834-4567.

Minimum \$10 suggested donation. An email address is required to receive a private concert link

**The George St United Church and the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre** will be hosting a Turkey Cold Plate Take Away Dinner on May 29th, 2021 AT 4:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the GSUC office Monday- Friday 8:00 AM -12:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale till May 25, 2021. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

**Topsail United Church** will be holding a Lobster Take Out Dinner on Wednesday June 9th from 4 P.M until 6 P.M. Meal will Consist of 3 Salads, Roll, Dessert. Cost \$35. To reserve, please call the church Office at 834-4567, between 9 and 12 Monday thru Friday. No ticket sales at the Door, all meals will need to be paid for in Advance. Cut of Date for Orders will be June 5, 2021. Due to Covid 19 Social Distancing must be maintained during pick up.

**Way to go Jake, your creativity and energy  
has brought you much success!**

**If you have ever wondered** who it is that has the technical expertise to manage the sound system, the live streaming, and the video coverage of our worship services; that person is **Jake Thompson**.

Jake has been fascinated with puppets since he was a two-year-old watching the Muppet Show after which he began making his own puppets. At age 11 Jake set up a

YouTube channel. Now at age 16 he has had the experience of working with local actors and directors such as Pete Soucy and Ruth Lawrence. This fall the series of nine seven-minute shows called “**The Adventures of Gary and Lou**” will go national on Bell’s FibeTV1.

As the story goes Gary Wheeseltin, who has just retired, has no plans except to sit back and relax and do nothing. Gary’s next-door neighbour Lou however, has other plans. They make a deal that for the seven days after his retirement they will go on an adventure.

Pete Soucy, a 60-year-old, said that “*working together on the writing with a 16-year-old Jake was perfect. He kept the energy and the joy in it and I had the experience of knowing how to finish and polish a script.*” (The Telegram, May 15, 2021)

Congratulations