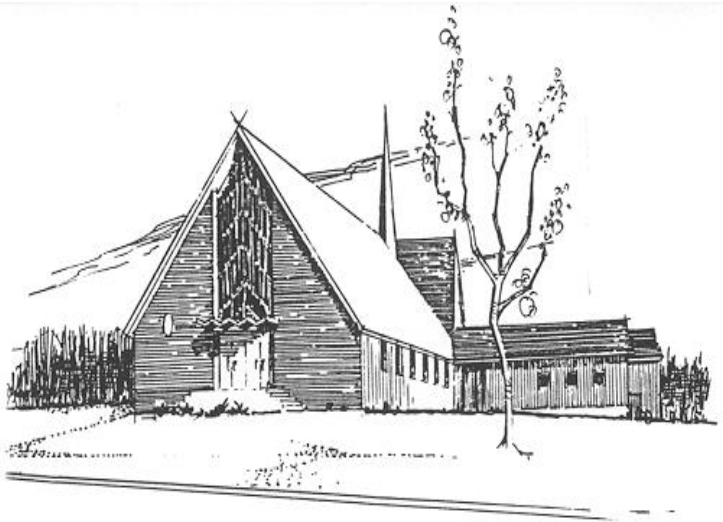


# St. James United Church

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July 24, 2011  
Pentecost 5

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| C.E. Lay Minister:           | Susan Sheppard           |
| Minister of Visitation:      | Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray |
| Organist/Sr. Choir Director: | Philip Roberts           |
| Assistant Organist:          | Allan Morgan             |

## Welcome

Introit "The Lord Is In This Place" -Wolfe

## Call to Worship:

Come from the freshness of the summer air,  
The heat of summer sun,  
The cool wet of summer rain,  
Into the love and grace of God,  
Into God's presence,  
As a worshipping people,  
As the whole family of God!



## Opening Prayer: (unison)

O God, summer days call us to rejoice. In the beauty of this season, we see your presence and your love. We come into this sanctuary today to give you thanks for your presence with us, and to learn anew how best to be your people. Amen.

Hymn: "New Every Morning" 405

## Congregational Life and Work:

### Offertory Invitation:

Have you ever seen the television show *Hoarders*? It's about people who can't throw anything out—even old Tim Horton's cups and doughnut bags are treasures to them. Jesus tells a couple of parables about treasure and what God is willing to do in order to have the treasure: us. What we give our lives and our money toward is a testimony to what we treasure. Giving our offering is a testimony to God's work in our lives.

**Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*

God, you value us. May our givings come out of a sense of the true value of our faith and our faith’s stories. Bless these gifts, and those already given through PAR, to make known your love. Amen.

**Offertory:**

**Offertory Hymn:** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings...” 541

**Time with our Children:**

**Hymn:** “Morning Has Broken” 409

**Hebrew Scripture:** Genesis 29:15-28  
Jacob marries Leah and Rachel.

**Psalms 105:** (part 1) Make know what God has done 828

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
Five parables: mustard seed, yeast, treasure, pearls, net

**Hymn:** “Seek Ye First” 356

**Meditation in Music:**

“It Is Well with My Soul” - Spafford/ Steve Armstrong

“Asked The Lord” - Duncan/Lange/W. Haeger

**Prayers of the People:** *(unison)*

L: God, your Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We pray for the needs of those whose labours go unrewarded: by layoffs; by loss of benefits; by the devaluing of their worth through the loss of vocation.

**All :** **Hear our prayers, hear our sighs for love that can work good from ill.**

L: We pray for the needs of those who grieve: the loss of a loved one or friend; the loss of hope; the loss of justice.

**All :** **Hear our prayers, hear our sighs for love that can work good from ill.**

L: We pray for the needs of those who experience estrangement: within family; among colleagues; within and from this community.

**All :** **Hear our prayers, hear our sighs for love that can work good from ill.**

L: We pray for the need of peace where there is war; for justice where there is inequity; for understanding where there is ignorance and bigotry; for the healing of creation from the ravages of pollution and abuse.

**All :** **Hear our prayers, hear our sighs for such love that can work good from ill.**

L: God, intercede by your Spirit for us; intercede by your Spirit through us; intercede with love for us and through us that transforms life for your good. We pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father.... Amen.

**Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” 226

**Commissioning:** *(unison)*

As we go into the sweetness of this summer day, may we go refreshed by our worship together, inspired to be a blessing to all we meet, and sustained by the ever-flowing Spirit who blesses us with every breath. Amen.

**Sung Benediction:** “The Irish Blessing” - arr. By Don Gray

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**Special Welcome: The Barons of Barbershop**

The Scarborough Chapter, were formed in 1995 so that they could become more involved in the community. Sixteen years and over 250 concerts later, the Barons with an average age of 74 are still going strong. In 2005, they toured the East Coast of Nova Scotia, singing in Liverpool’s Astor Theatre and even on the Bluenose. In 2008 they visited Florida and now they are spending a week in St. John’s and on Friday evening will conclude with a concert at Shearstown United Church. We are delighted to have them participating in today’s service.

**Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund**

We acknowledge donations in loving memory of **Olive Pike** from:

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| Nancy Gaudet                 | Vicki, & Bruce Colbourne and family              |
| Paul and Judy Hawkins        | Grace, Nancy and family                          |
| Seungah Son and Jeongsan Kim | Amanda Handrigan NL Association of Realtors Inc. |

**Restoration Fund**

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of **Chesley Moore** from his wife Barbara and daughters Heather, Daphne, Janet, Libby and Sarah.

**Go Project**

As part of the GO! Project St. James will be hosting four mornings of free children's programs. On July 27, 28 and August 1, 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. children between the ages of 7-12 are invited to attend these day camps. In addition to playing games and making crafts, children will be served lunch each day. For more information or to register, contact Donna or Rebecca at the church office 722-1881.

The GO! Project is looking for donations of empty large plastic jars (peanut butter, mayonnaise etc.) and toilet paper and paper towel rolls for use in crafts during the children's program.

**Congregational Barbecue:**

Join the Go Project on **Sunday, July 31** following the worship service for a free barbecue and fellowship.

**Annual Congregational Bonfire** – August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Middle Cove Beach. Bring wood for the fire, your favorite beverage and sticks for roasting wieners/marshmallows.

**Flower Services:**

General Protestant Cemetery: Monday, July 25 at 7 p.m.

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service** – will be held on July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Tommy Sexton Centre, 47 Janeway Place. Refreshments will follow.

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**Usher in Charge:** Oliver Wellon  
**Greeters:** Cec and Audrey Templeman  
**Ushers:** Gus and Winona Kelsey  
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**Bridges To Hope and Cochrane Street United Church:**

For the past four years, along with the support of various church congregations, we have operated the Bag to School Program. Bag to School draws on the support of church congregations, community centres and corporate sponsors to ensure children in need have the necessary supplies for a successful school year. Bridges To Hope provided over 300 children in the St. John's area with school bags and supplies for the 2010-2011 school year. This year, some agencies around St. John's have discontinued their school bag services which will place extra strain on the Bag to School Program at Bridges To Hope. We would like to ask for the continued generosity of the congregation as this year there will be more need than ever. Each schoolbag, on average, costs about \$35 to compile and monetary donations (cash, debit, visa & mastercard) or school supplies suitable for K – 12 and adult basic education can be made at Bridges To Hope's general office located at 39 Cookstown Rd. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.