

# St. James United Church

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2012

Lent 3

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Minister: Rev. Bill Bartlett  
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
C.E. Lay Minister: Susan Sheppard  
Organist/Choir Director: Philip Roberts  
Assistant Organist: Allan Morgan  
Reader:



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## Organ Prelude

### Welcome

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

L: From the north, the south, the east, and west, we gather.

**P: Human, animal, rock, and tree, we praise.**

L: The living organism that is the earth lifts up voice to our Creator.

**P: Praise. Confession. Forgiveness. Thanks.**

L: This is our dance with God, drawing us closer to the source of our being.

**P: God's dance with creation brings life to the universe.**

L: And so together we praise God.

**P: Together we praise God our Creator.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

Holy God, righteousness is your nature. Your very being is justice and truth. Your servant Moses delivered your law to us written on stone tablets, that we might come to righteousness by obedience. We thought we knew better. Your son, Jesus, delivered your law to us written in his own person, that we might come to righteousness by believing. But we reject his law of love and the meekness and humility his life of compassion demonstrates. We are certain there is a more practical road to pleasing you. Forgive our futile attempts to defeat your limitless grace and mercy at every turn. Let your Holy Spirit now engrave your law upon our hearts. Let us learn to trust and nurture your presence within us, that we may fulfill your plan for our righteousness as daughters and sons created in your image. Amen

	<u>Weekly Schedule</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday	Yoga	9:30 am
Wednesday	Singing Group	10:00 am
	Guitar Group	11 am-12:30
	Youth Choir	7:00 pm
	Men's Choir	8:00 pm
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:30 pm
	Study Remit	7:30 pm

## St. James UCW Spring Tea and Sale

Saturday, March 31st from 2-4 PM

Baked Goods & Variety Stalls

Tickets \$5.00, available from UCW members or at the door.

Anyone from the congregation who wish to donate to our sale

in any way can contact the sale conveners:

Barbara Butt @ 576-1344 or Sheilah Beckett @726-7421.

**Study Remit:** The remit 6 will be voted on by congregational sessions (or equivalents) because it is a denominational shaping issue. You are invited to attend the final study session on **Thursday, March 15th, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Youth Room.** Copies of the document *OUR WORDS OF FAITH... CHERISHED, HONOURED, AND LIVING* are available in the nartex of the church for those who wish to learn more about this important decision in the life of our church

**Nominating Committee:** Rosemary White and Jan Winsor have been named as a 'nominating committee' by the Church Council. They are seeking people to fill vacancies on our Church Council and delegates to East District. Positions to be filled: Chair and Secretary for Church Council, Chair, Administration /Communications, Ministry & Personnel, & Stewardship committees & Board of Trustees. We are also seeking members for these committees. Please contact Rosemary, [rosemarywhite@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemarywhite@hotmail.com), Jan, [janwinsor@yahoo.ca](mailto:janwinsor@yahoo.ca) or the church office and indicate your interest in serving your church in one of these positions.

**Greeters:** Gloria & Keith LeFeuvre  
**Usher in Charge:** Jean Thompson  
**Ushers:** Dylan Matthews      Douglas Matthews  
 Olivia Sharpe      Jordan Goodwin      Reid Crowther  
 Joel LeFeuvre      Katie Vardy      Noah Sheppard

**Communion Servers:** From St. James UCW  
 Nina Abbott      Vicki Styles      Audrey Templeman  
 Betty Winsor      Barbara Butt      Sylvia Cole  
 Winona Kelsey      Helen Crummell

**Condolences:** We extend sympathy and condolences to Glenda & Bill Butt on the passing of Glenda’s Mother *Millicent Penny* .Resting at Noel’s Funeral Home in Carbonear, Funeral services take place today at 2:30, Salmon Cove United Church.

We extend sympathy and condolences to Shirley Kelloway and Family on the passing of her husband *Stirling Kelloway* .Who passed away at the Health Science Center on Friday. Visitation at Barrett’s Funeral Home and his Funeral will be Monday at 2:00 pm from St. James.

We extend sympathy and condolences to Yvonne & Tom Osmond on the passing of Yvonne’s Sister *Stella Greene*, from Fogo Island.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** will take place on Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Memorial Fund:** We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of **Melita Saunders** from Rodney and Annie Soper

**Escasoni Service:** Will be taking place this Tuesday at the Escasoni Home.

**Annual Cougar Helicopter Crash Memorial Service:** Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> , 2:00 PM. George Street United Church, Preacher Rev. Bill Bartlett.

**Lasagna Supper & Entertainment:** Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Tickets \$25 (\$15 tax receipt available). Come join our talented GO Project Youth for this fundraiser. Tickets available at Church Office.

**Hymn:** Spirit Of Gentleness 375

**Time with the Children:**

**Hymn:** I Have Called You By Name  
 I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
 I have gifted you and ask you now to shine,  
 I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
 You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
 read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name,  
 speak the word your soul can claim,  
 offer Jesus’ body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
 feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.

Like the women reaching out,  
 choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
 hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.

**Offertory Invitation:** (unison)  
 Where we see scarcity, you see abundance, O God. Where you see limits, you see possibility. Where we see endings, you see beginnings. Where we doubt, you bring hope. Open our hearts, Gracious God, to know gratitude for your abundance in our lives, and to share hope and abundance with others, as we offer the gift of ourselves and the work of our hands.

**Offering:**

**Offertory Hymn:** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands 537

**Offertory Dedication:** back of bulletin

**Life and Work at St. James**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hebrew Scripture:** Exodus 20: 1-17  
The Ten Commandments

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 19 740-741  
The heavens declare the glory of God.

**Anthem:**

**Gospel:** John 2: 13-22  
Jesus clears the temple

**Hymn:** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 681

**Meditation:**

**Prayer of Confession: (unison)**

God of promise and hope, you call us to trust in your way and set before us paths of faithfulness. Sometimes we hesitate to follow you and to make changes in our lives. Sometimes our priorities and commitments reflect personal interests more than your desire for our lives and world. Free us, O God, that we might be faithful to you in the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen

**Words of Assurance:**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God has compassion for our fears and failures; God stays with us on our Lenten journey. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

**Communion Hymn:** Here O My Lord (verses 1,2,3) 459

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**Call to Give Thanks:**

L: May God be with us.  
**P: God is here among us.**  
L: Let us open our hearts to God.  
**P: Let us open them to God and to one another.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.  
**P: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Sanctus and Benedictus (sung)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power of life and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



**Lord's Prayer**

**The United Church Creed:** The New Creed 918

**Institution Narrative**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Post Communion Prayer (unison)**

For the bread we have eaten, for the juice we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and have been give here may so put its mark upon us that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may become mature Christians, that ours may be a faith which issues into action; through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Communion Hymn:** Here O My Lord (verses 4 & 5) 459

**Commissioning:**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey; may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road; may the love of Christ make us caring companions; as together we go forth in the Lenten time. Amen

**Coral Benediction:**

**Organ Postlude**