

**Commissioning:** (unison)

Let us go from our worship in faith and hope, to serve God and the world with love and joy. So may the blessing of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon us and radiate from our lives, now and always.

**Benediction:**

Go now and proclaim the gospel, not just through words but deeds – through what you say, what you do, and who you are. May others, as they meet with you, meet with Christ, and know his living presence for themselves. Amen.

**Organ Postlude:**

Resources for the worship service were taken from GATHERINGS, Summer/Autumn 2012 and 600 Blessings and Prayers from Around the World.



- Head Usher:** Cecil Templeman  
**Greeters:** Gilbert and Lillian Thomas  
**Ushers:** Betty Pilgrim  
Ross Pilgrim  
Kay Norman  
Lou Norman  
Beulah Riche  
Audrey Templeman  
Bruce Hunt

- Communion Servers:** Susan Sheppard  
Betty Winsor  
Carolann Kennedy

# St. James United Church

330 Elizabeth Avenue  
St. John's, NL  
A1B 1T9

July 15, 2012

A Community of Friends in Faith



**Secretary Office:** 722-1881  
**Church Fax:** 722-2998  
**Church Email:** [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)  
**Church Web Site:** [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org)  
**Emergency Pager:** 727-4067

**WE HAVE SCENT-SENSITIVE CONCERNS**

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of beloved father

# St. James United Church

## July 15, 2012

11:00 a.m.

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

---

### Organ Prelude:

### Welcome:

### Introit:

### Call To Worship: (responsive)

L: In the beauty of this day we come to experience God's grace.

**P: Flowers are blooming, trees display God's glory, and we live as faithful people.**

L: Draw close to the sacred table, where life and hope are revealed.

**P: The bread of life and the true vine beckon. Praise be!**

### Opening Prayer: (unison)

Bless, O God, our worship this day, that it may fill our hearts with the gladness and holiness of the Sabbath. Let us receive from it increased strength and guidance for our life and work. So shall the spirit of this day spread blessing over all days.

**Hymn:** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet 245

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: And we come to this table to remember how you became human under the name of Jesus. Who, on the night when his name was betrayed, shared food and wine with those he loved. He took bread, sign of health and life, broke it and shared it with them naming it as his body. And he took a cup of wine, sign of celebration and joy, shared it with them naming it as his blood that would be spilled. We come here to do the same in memory of Jesus Christ. Come, Spirit of God, move over these signs of life and celebration, this bread and wine, that we may take them as your body and blood. As we stand around this table, may we be your people, committed to your kingdom whose name is justice, peace, and love.

**P: Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Statement of Faith:** A 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 given 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

**Hymn:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 271 Vs. 1 & 5

## Time with the Children:

**Hymn:** This is God's Wondrous World 296

### **Offertory Invitation:** (unison)

We gather together as a community of faith, as community by grace, because at least some of the time we would dare to hear the voiced and unvoiced cries of the poor, the outcast, the underemployed. We would dare hitch our wagon to the dream of the One who made us. We would dare to celebrate life in all its fullness and possibilities, to be trained by and to act with the God of transformation and hope. We worship through the sharing of our gifts.

### **Offertory:**

**Offertory Hymn:** You Nourish Us 545

### **Offertory Dedication:** (unison)

From hands that learn to open, from hearts that learn to give, from spirits unfurling in compassion and grace, receive our gifts and demand more from us! Amen.

## **Life and Work at St. James:**

**Hebrew Scripture:** 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

David brings the ark to Jerusalem.

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 24 751

The earth is God's and all that is in it.

**Solo:** *Bring Many Names* John Parker

**Epistle:** Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Adopted through Christ and given an inheritance.

**Hymn:** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing 559

## **Meditation:**

### **Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for your grace and for your patience with our brokenness; we thank you for your persistent love in the face of all we do to hurt one another and your world. Help us to be reconcilers as you have reconciled us in Jesus. Help us to work with you in the healing of the world. We pray through Christ who comes to reconcile and make new. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance:**

**Communion Hymn:** All Who Hunger 460

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (responsive)

**L:** Life up your hearts.

**P:** **We life them to the Lord.**

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**L:** God of many names, we thank you for all that you are and for all that you do in the world. As Creator you made all things and are continually creating. As Father and Mother you nurture and sustain us. As the One Holy Trinity, you invite us to dance with you to the lilt of life and time. And through Christ, you have named us as your adopted children. Therefore, with all your people, in every time and place we sing the triumphant hymn of your glory:

### **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.**