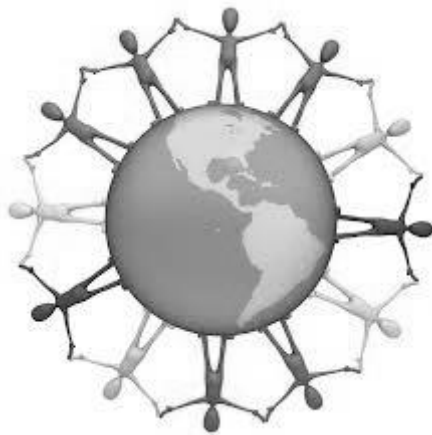


St. James United Church

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A Community of Friends in Faith



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January 27, 2013, 11 a.m.

Epiphany 3/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Gillian Burry
Choir & Choir Director:	UCW/Doreen Brown

Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit: Arise, Your Light Is Come

Call To Worship : (responsive)

(L) On this day, which is holy, we gather,

(P) not alone, but as Christ's body; as people who would suffer together, we gather.

(L) On this day of celebration, we gather,

(P) not in isolation, but in community; as those who would care for one another, we gather.

(L) On this day of joy, not mourning, we gather,

(P) not with empty hands, or empty hearts, but as those baptized in grace's tears, we gather.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Gracious God, we hear the stories of your awesome, creative power, of your yearning to let the oppressed go free, of your unfailing love and tender care, of your coming to us in Jesus, who died for us and conquered death. But we live in a world that does not care much for stories except the gossipy and titillating kind, and we often wonder whether the stories that have shaped our faith can still shape our lives and our world. As we worship together, help us discover anew the awe and the power, the yearning and the love. Let us become a true story for our time. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You 232

Time with the children:

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me 365

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

We hear Jesus proclaiming the mission of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim

release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.” May we continue to live out this mission as we present our offerings of time, talents and money.

Offering : Love Is The Greatest Gift

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

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, by the world’s standards, we are a people rich in material goods. Free our hearts to give out of gratitude for our abundant gifts. Bless our offerings to the Mission and Service Fund that they may be used to assist the poor and promote justice for all your people. Bless our offerings, and those given through PAR for the work of our ministry here in St. John’s so that we may share our resources, our social space, and our compassion for all people in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Life and Work of St. James:

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Creator God, we seek your completeness in our lives. We come into your presence acknowledging the shallow places in our faith, but seeking completeness in you. In our hearts, our resolve is to be more faithful. Our desire is to be filled more with hope and love. Hear our prayers for new beginning that comes from our very soul. May our newness make us the instruments of your peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The Love you reject welcomes you. The Grace you resist is ever present. The Forgiveness you seek is yours now. Accept what is offered, and walk in the way of Christ.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one a part of it.

Responsive Psalm: 19

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The heavens declare the glory of God.

Anthem: Arise! Come Sing In the Morning

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus reads from Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.”

Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West

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Sermon:

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: I am the Light of the World 87

Commissioning:

L: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

P: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

L: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

P: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

L: Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

P: We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Benediction:

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power, to fill the world with healing and justice.

Choral Benediction: Peace Be With You

Organ Postlude:

Resources for worship service taken from *Gathering 2012-13 and Season of the Spirit 2012-2013*

Ushers:

Michelle, Wayne, Sophie Skinner
Carolann Kennedy, Rebecca-Ann Bartlett
Bob and Betty Langdon
Janice Winsor

ORGANIZATIONS & YOUTH GROUPS

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair	Clyde Flight	Last Tues.	7:30 p.m.
Vice Chair	Trevor Bartlett		
Admin/Communications	Jan Winsor		
Council Secretary	Gloria Le Feuvre		
Board of Trustees	Cecil Templeman	At call of Chair	
Worship & Sacraments	Trevor Bartlett	Last Sun. following	Worship
Faith Formation & Christian Education	Douglas Matthews	1 st Monday	
Property	Bill Legge	4 th Monday	
Finance	Brian Ramjattan		
Treasurer	Jean Thompson		
Stewardship	Vacant		
Ministry & Personnel	Jim Von Riesen		

ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Service Club	Les Dean	3 rd Wednesday	5:30 p.m.
UCW Co-Presidents	Vera Marshall & Jean White	2 nd Monday	7:30 p.m.
UCW Friendship Group	Winona Kelsey	Barbara Butt	2 & 4 th Wed

Observer Rep	Ruth Baker		
Archives	Al Penney		
Library	Vacant		
AOTS Choir	Doreen Brown		

MUSIC:

Youth Choir		Wednesday	6:45 p.m.
Senior Choir		Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Sight Restored			
UCW Choir		1 st Monday	7:30 p.m.
AOTS Choir		2 nd & 4 th Wednesday	8:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUPS

Sunday S / Nursery	Rebecca Pike	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Drama Club	Vacant	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Ready (11-13) Set (14+)	Rebecca Pike	Alternate Saturdays	7:30 p.m.
GO Youth			
Chief Usher	Dave Hapgood		

Help Us To Help You

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<input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address

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