

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Bethany Danielle Pike, Jan.8, 1988-May 27, 2008,
ever remembered and loved by Susan, Stephen and
Rebecca.

St. James United Church

May 26, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Confirmation/Trinity Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Dr. Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Gillian Burry
Choir:	Youth & AOTS
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit: *Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus*



Call to Worship: (responsive)

L: God is the giver of life; the source of light and love.

P: Let us worship the God of creation.

L: Christ is the giver of hope: Christ showed us the way to live in community and love.

P: Let us share our faith with one another.

L: The Spirit is the giver of strength; the Spirit provides us with the courage we need to face the future.

P: Let us encourage one another as people who seek God's living truth.

L: The Trinity expresses the unity of God.

P: Let us seek communion with each other and with God who is One.

Prayer of Approach: (responsive)

L: We come to this place where we find refuge and peace.

P: Come, God, be among us in our times of need.

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L: We come to this place where justice is proclaimed and compassion is shared.

P: Come, Christ, be among us to challenge us and comfort us.

L: We come to this place where we are called to share and to serve.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, be among us with care and concern for all; especially those who are being baptized, confirmed and re-affirming their faith today.

L: We come to this place where the past is remembered, the present is renewed, and the future is full of excitement and hope.

P: Come, Three-in-One, One-in-Three, be among us as we seek to be transformed by the power of the resurrected one.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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Time with our Children and Youth

Hymn: I Have Called You by Your 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 woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

We make our offering knowing that we have the inspiration, energy,
motivation to be here because previous generations have made an offering

for us. We give to maintain our church, but even more so to reach beyond ourselves, in outreach for our God and humanity.

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Offertory: *Creation of Peace* AOTS Choir

Offertory Hymn: Spirit of Life 381

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Let us be more than noisy gongs and clanging cymbals. Let us make a joyful noise in love for you. Bless these financial gifts given here today and through PAR we pray. May they help us make a resounding impact in our community and around the world. Amen

Life and Work of St. James

THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Wisdom's part in creation Brenda Nyatanga

Anthem: *Wings* Youth Choir

Gospel: John 16: 12-15
The Spirit of Truth

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God 376

Meditation

Confirmation

Introduction

Presentation of Candidates

Kate Pauline Bartlett, Alexander Warren Masterson, Daniel Sean Burke

Profession of Faith and Promises

Congregational Commitment

Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care:

**We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you.
With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in
Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in
prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

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Affirmation of Faith: (unison)

A Confirmation Creed

We will always be a part of God's world because God will always be a part of us. God is the almighty Creator. God is the Spirit of love who fills us with joy and happiness. Jesus is the true light, who sacrificed himself for the world. Jesus' mission was to teach people to grow in God's ways. The Holy Spirit is the fire within our hearts that burns brighter with each new day. The Holy Spirit guides us through life's mysteries and gives us reason to believe. The church is a family where we worship God. In the church we are accepted, forgiven and loved. We will always be a part of God's world because God will always be a part of us.

(The Confirmation Class, Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley Pastoral Charge, Waterville, Quebec)

Blessing and Pouring of Water

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Bibles and Certificates

Prayer for the Candidates: (unison)

Gracious God, we thank you because you give us life, call us by our name, and hold us in your faithful love. We pray today for these young people who have made a public profession of their faith in you. Bless them with strength and wisdom in every area of their lives and watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow and mature. Remind all of us of the promises of our own baptism. Give us the power and guidance of your Spirit to serve you with joy and hope. Refresh our trust in you, and renew our commitment to minister to others through the life and work of the Church, the Body of Christ. Amen!

Choral Blessing: *A Blessing*

Youth Choir

Sacrament Of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: We Gather Here

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Call To Give Thanks:

L: The risen Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts in praise.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

The Institution Narrative

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to The Table

Distribution of The Elements

Prayer Following Communion: (unison)

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and all creation will live to praise your name.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

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Commissioning:

And now I commend you into the Holy Mystery which is God: to live out the days that are your gift with thanksgiving and joy, with purpose and kindness, to make a difference in the world God made; to share with others, to be a bearer of love and hope everywhere you go. May you be blessed and may you be a blessing to all you meet.

Choral Benediction: My Peace

Organ Postlude

Head Usher: Daphne Coish

Communion Servers:

Greeters: Nina Abbott

Noah Sheppard

Jean Skanes

Hannah

Sheppard

Ushers: Maxine Rose

Michelle

Skinner

Betty Pilgrim

Karen Giannou

Edna Bemister

Katelyn Mayo

Sylvia Cole

Emily Nolan

Gregory Butt

Liam Nichols