

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Eric Parsons
 from Louise, Tom and family, and
Reubena (Ruby) Soper – June 17, 2006,
 never to be forgotten, from Rodney & Annie Soper

St. James United Church

June 16, 11:00 am
 Pentecost 4, Aboriginal Sunday, Father's Day
 Sacrament of Infant Baptism

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
Soloist	Wayne Butler

Organ Prelude Welcome



Call To Worship: (unison)

Every name we have for God comes from humankind's experience of God in our lives. As Paul reminded the people of Corinth, *"right now, we see dimly."* We don't have all the words to describe God's relationship with us. We don't have all the words to describe who we understand God to be. But that doesn't matter. Even if we never can find the right words, it doesn't matter! Because God loves. Because God loves all of creation. So, with the words that we have, with the names we know, let us gather and worship God.

Prayer of Approach: (responsive)

L: On this day when we remember our fathers and grandfathers,
 we do so in the context of worshiping you, our Spiritual Father.
**C: We also remember our aboriginal ancestors, who inhabited this
 land long before our fathers and mothers.**
 L: Loving God, we are thankful for your message of justice and respect
 towards all people.
**C: We celebrate your call to receive all children in love, knowing
 that they are all made in your image.**

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Hymn: Faith of our Fathers 580

Time with the Children

Hymn: Jesus, Friend of Little Children 340

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Loving God, we are thankful for the reminder that your love extends to all children of the world. We confess that some of us as fathers have not always followed the example of Jesus in loving children entrusted to our care. God of Creation, we also acknowledge that our love has not always extended to the Aboriginal peoples of the Canada. As we move into the future may we practice love and respect for all your children. (silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

L: God's love overflows! God's compassion embraces! God's
 generosity sets us free.
**P: Thanks be to God for the gift of forgiveness. We are blessed
 with new opportunities to live as followers of Jesus Christ.**

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

We know what kindness is because whenever we take time to think of God, or even the world, we are conscious of how kindly we have been treated—not always by life, but always by God—when we contemplate the miracles that we are, and the miracle of life. We reflect and embody that kindness in our offering.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of countless surprises, once again we stand before you offering a portion of our financial resources. May these gifts be transformed into acts of kindness, expressions of solidarity with our aboriginal brothers and sisters, and deeds of compassion. As we share these offerings we also commit

ourselves to the courageous task of being your witnesses. Grace and mercy be yours. Amen.

Life and Work at St James

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptismal Hymn: A Little Child the Saviour Came 445 vs. 1,2,3

Presentation
Parent's Baptismal Vows

Congregation Commitment: (unison) **all stand**

We have heard the will of these parents. We receive this child in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents by providing an environment where love is shown and faith is nurtured.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Peyton Anna Christine Adams, daughter of Colette Jean Birmingham and Peter Edward Adams.

Blessing: (unison)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Baptismal Hymn: A Little Child the Saviour Came 445 vs. 4



The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture: **1 Kings 21: 1-10, 15-21a**
Ahab desires Naboth's vineyard

Responsive Psalm: **5: 1-8** 728
Lead me, God, in your righteousness

Anthem (Solo): *The Lord's Prayer* Wayne Butler

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3
The woman with the alabaster jar; the women who support Jesus.

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God 376

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 333

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.

Benediction

Organ Postlude **Usher in Charge:** Marilyn Adams



Greeters: Jean Thompson

Marina Adams

Ushers: John Parker

Ruth Baker

Gordon Adams

Resources for worship service taken from *Gathering, Pentecost 2013,*
Worship for All Seasons II