

St. James United Church

June 30, 2013

Canada and Memorial Day/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
Soloists: Rebecca-Ann Bartlett
Susan Sheppard/Glenda Winsor

Organ Prelude

Welcome



Call to Worship: (responsive)

(L) It is a gift to worship in freedom and peace on this Memorial Sunday.

(P) We celebrate our freedom in song and prayer.

(L) It is a gift to offer our cares and concerns to God.

(P) We celebrate the abundant compassion received from God.

(L) It is a gift to join with our family, friends and visitors in worship on this Canada Day Sunday.

(P) We celebrate our rich heritage and traditions as Canadians.

(L) United in worship, open to God's grace, let us indeed sing, pray, and praise God.

(P) We are filled with expectant joy and thanksgiving.

Prayer Of Approach: (unison)

God of mystery, on this Canada Day Sunday, we offer our thanksgiving for this land that we share. It is a beautiful country, and we are so privileged to live in it. May Your name be praised across our land, not just when we gather for worship in our church, but in our homes, in our fields and gardens, on our city streets, on our beaches, in our cottages and at Burry Heights Camp. May the gift of the Holy Spirit be with us in all our praise! Amen.

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Hymn: Ode to Newfoundland and Labrador
When sun rays crown thy pine clad hills,
And summer spreads her hand,
When silvern voices tune thy rills,
We love thee smiling land.
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white,
At winter's stern command,
Thro' shortened day and starlit night,
We love thee, frozen land.
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee, frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,
And wild waves lash thy strand,
Thro' spindrift swirl and tempest roar,
We love thee, wind-swept land.
We love thee, we love thee, and we love thee, wind-swept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love,
Where once they stood we stand,
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above,
God guard thee, Newfoundland.
God guard thee, God guard thee, God guard thee, Newfoundland.

Time with the Children

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Presentation
Parents' 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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

James William Bartlett, son of Glen David Bartlett and Denise Marie O'Reilly Bartlett

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

Solo: Spirit of Life Rebecca-Ann Bartlett

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

Gracious God, on this Memorial Sunday we remember the sacrifice made by so many of our people, so that we might know the gift of freedom and peace. Out of our gratitude for these gifts, we now present our offering. May this offering and our contributions through PAR be used for the building of Your Kingdom of Love throughout Canada and around the world.

Offertory: Susan Sheppard & Glenda Winsor

Offertory Hymn: In Gratitude and Humble Trust 544

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

O God, we praise You today in song and music. We offer thanksgiving for the beautiful gift of music that Philip has shared during his time of ministry with us at St. James. Loving God, take all the gifts we offer today and turn them into action. We want Your song to be heard by everyone. Make our gifts resonate with Your love and ours. Bless us, God, with Your Spirit. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James

Prayer of Illumination: (responsive)

(L) Scripture is our song for the journey,

(P) the living word passed on from generation to generation

(L) to guide and inspire,

(P) that we might wrestle a holy revelation for our time and place

(L) from the human experiences and cultural assumptions of another era.

(P) God calls us to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Elisha sees Elijah ascend to heaven

Duet: Susan Sheppard & Glenda Winsor

Gospel: **Luke 9: 51-62**
"Foxes have holes....but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God 236

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds 602

Commissioning: (unison)

We have celebrated the past, for God has been there to guide us. We have been renewed in the present, for Christ has been in our midst. We shall be encouraged into the future, for the Spirit continues to blow among us, giving us peace, hope, faith and love, as we seek to be faithful people of the Way. Go, and know that God goes with us wherever we go. Share, and show that we care through all that we share. Give, responding to the ways that God has generously given to each one of us and be thankful.

Benediction

Our National Anthem: O Canada 524

Organ Postlude

"I wish to express my deep appreciation to St. James congregation for the opportunity to serve as your full time minister in two appointments over the past two years. Carolann, Rebecca-Ann and I pray God's blessing on each of you!" Rev. Bill Bartlett

Usher in Charge: Marilyn Adams

Greeters: Jean Thompson, Gordon Adams

Ushers: John Parker Jan Winsor, Baxter Howse



Resources for the worship service taken from *2012 Summer-Autumn & Pentecost 2013 GATHERING*