

St. James United Church

July 21, 2013

Pentecost 9/Communion/VOWR

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard
Minister Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Wallace Baker
Clerk of Session	Susan Pike
Assistant Organist:	Gillian Burry
Choir:	A.O.T.S.
Men's Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit



Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The earth is God's! Everything in creation belongs to God.

All: Lift up your eyes! See the mighty works of the Holy One.

One: This is God's house. All are welcome. All who hope in God will be named children of God.

All: Lift up your hearts! Receive the gracious gifts of God.

One: This is the hour for worship and song.

All: Lift up your voice! Praise God with all your might.

Opening Prayer: (unison)

God of all creation, everything that You have made lifts its unique voice to praise You in all Your glory. Even as we worship here, we join our voices to the one true song - the song the morning stars began, the song King David danced, the song the angels echoed at the birth of Your Son. Glory to You, Holy God, glory! Let this hour of worship be solely to the praise of Your glory. Amen.

Hymn: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* 374

Time with the Children

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

God's abundant mercy and love overflow into our hearts and our minds. We receive blessing after blessing, and choose to commit ourselves - our lives

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and all that we have - to living the way of Jesus. As our offering is given, we remember that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

We pray You, O God, accept our gifts: gifts of our lives, our souls, and our treasures. Multiply and bless these gifts and consecrate them to the praise of Your glory. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James

Prayer for Illumination (responsive):

One: Ever-present God, as we hear the Words of Scripture,

All: may our ears be opened to the power of Your Spirit blowing through the pages, that we may come to know what You wish to tell Your people.

One: Bless us and our reading of Your Word,

ALL: that we might hear words of love that dispel fear and give us strength for the journey. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrew Scripture: Amos 8: 1-12

Responsive Psalm: 52 777

Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be* 506

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Anthem: Choir

Sermon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *One Bread. One Body* 467



The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to our God who is love.

All: It is good and right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is a right and good and joyous thing, always and everywhere, to give Your praise, Creator of heaven and earth. You took the formless chaos, swept across it with Your mighty Spirit, and said, "Let there be light!" And there was light. You separated the heavens and earth and brought forth trees and plants. You set sun, moon and stars in the heavens, and called forth fish, birds and all living creatures. You made us, creatures of Your own image, to live in communion with You. We long for relationship with You, yet we turn away. Still, You remain steadfast, calling us again and again to turn to You. For Your abundant grace and for all Your mercies toward us, we join Your people on earth and all the company of heaven in proclaiming Your praise.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

One: Holy and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ. You gave Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth, and so we follow him. Jesus called us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in Your Triune name and learning together to obey everything that You have commanded. Jesus promised to be with us always, to the end of the age. On the day of His resurrection, He walked with two disciples to Emmaus and sitting at table with them, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and they saw the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: We pray You, God of love, send Your Spirit upon these, the gifts of Your creation: grain, grapes and us Your children. Strengthen us to do Your will, to baptize and to teach, and to always walk with Jesus Christ. Through Him, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup

Invitation to the Feast

Sacrament of Holy Communion by Intinction

Prayer after Communion: (unison)

Holy One, nourished at Your table with food, fellowship and the gift of Your Spirit, we pray You send us out into Your world sharing Your grace and mercy with all Creation. Walk with us on the journey, filling us with strength, guiding us with light and holding us in love. We pray together in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray to You saying those ancient words, "Our Father....."

Closing Hymn: *I Feel the Winds of God*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

** prayers adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual and Communion Services*

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon

Greeters: Eric Paul, Linda Babstock

Ushers: Maxine Rose, Geraldine Matthews,

Earl Snelgrove

Memorial Flower Service tomorrow, July 22 at 7pm: General Protestant Cemetery, Old Topsail Road. In the event of inclement weather, the service will move ahead to 7 the following evening.

If you would like to share your gift of music, or read Scripture during any of our Worship Services over the summer, please put your name on the relevant sheet in the church entrance. Any and all types of performance are welcome, be it song, instrumental or dance. Don't want to get up by yourself? Sing with friends! All are welcome.

June 9 Bulletin Correction under Camp Cots: A donation for camp cots has been received in loving memory of father John Harvey Butt and sister-in-law Ceanne Butt from Glenn and Glenda Winsor.

Two months today! Mark your calendars for September 21 and Burry Heights Day. Stay tuned for details.

Shumayela: If you have access to you-tube, this link will show whales in Bay Bulls dancing for the Cantiamo Girls Choir of Ottawa as they sing Shumayela and 2 other songs from Africa. www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMh-vxFgljA