

St. James United Church

August 18, 2013

Pentecost 13/Communion

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard
Clerk of Session: Susan Pike
Guest Organist: Bob Rose
Assistant Organist: Gillian Burry
Soloist: Jean Rose



Organ Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,

All: let us also lay aside every weight and the wrongs that cling so closely,

One: so that we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: Mindful of the gifts we have received,

One: confident of the sustenance and abundance that God provides,

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together)

God of peace, Your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another. Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage. Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight. Give us Your eyes to recognize the signs before us. We ask this in the confidence of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* 315

Time with the Children

Offertory Invitation: (together)

Mindful of the abundance we have received in Jesus Christ our Saviour, let us offer ourselves and our gifts that we might serve the church in the world.

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

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Offertory Prayer: (together)

We trust, O God, in Your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear Your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence of Your mercy and love. 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsive Psalm: 80 794

Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* 660

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-56

Solo: Jean Rose

Sermon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table* 457

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 You 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: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

** prayers adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion and Communion Services*

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: David Hapgood

Greeters: Susan Pike, Dorothy Hapgood

Ushers: Jim Inder, Eric King, May King

Communion Servers: Brenda Kelleher-Flight, Bill Pike, Cindy Pike

Condolences are expressed to Nellie Thompson on the passing of her sister, Mary MacTaggart, in Montreal this past week, and to Joyce Hill on the passing of her sister-in-law, Stella Barbour, whose funeral took place yesterday.

We are very pleased to see Bob Rose back in the organ seat. Thank you Bob and Jean for participating in today's worship!

We extend great thanks and appreciation to June Jones for her work as archivist for St. James over the summer, and look forward to seeing her again next May.

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.

Registration for Children and Youth Programs, as well as Sunday School, will take place on Saturday, September 7th. Sunday School will resume on September 8th.

The Associate in Theology Program (ATh) at Queen's College, done by correspondence and online, leads to an Associate in Theology designation with just 10 credits. Graduates of this program graduate along with the other students at Queen's College Convocation each year. Those who go on to do an extra five ATh credits, 12 week Clinical Pastoral Education and spend two semesters with us at the College along with 4 Intensives and an additional 3 courses are eligible to convert their ATh into a Bachelor of Theology (BTh) by Distance. All information on this program can be found on the Queen's College website www.queenscollegemun.ca under **Programs**.

Hill Crest Centre for Children, 10 Paton Street, has 5 full-time spaces available for children aged 3 and 4 years, starting September 1st. Daycare operates between 7.30am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact Bernadette Chipman at 754.5930 for further information.

Cochrane Street United Church on Thursday August 22 & 29 from 12 noon – 1:30 for soup and sandwich luncheon (Church Hall, Bannerman Street entrance), and at 1:00 – 1:30 Music in the Sanctuary. For further information, please contact the church office 722-3023.

Sing for Life! An all day, outdoor concert featuring music that brings the world together on Tuesday August 27th at the Bowring Park Amphitheatre, raising awareness for *Your Life Counts*, an anti-bullying, suicide prevention charity. They are in need of volunteers to help with face painting, prize draws, barbecuing, front entrance...etc. If you wish to help, please email the Coordinator, Miranda MacDonald at mandy_miranda@hotmail.com or call (709) 726 7158