St. James United Church

August 4, 2013 11th after Pentecost/Baptism/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

Assistant Organist: Gillian Burry
Soloist: Gemma Johnson

Organ Prelude

Welcome



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Love and fellowship call us out of the world to be together in this

place:

All: We gather to sing and pray, to hear the Word, to celebrate the gift of new life in baptism, to worship God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

One: Come then let us worship God!

Prayer Of Approach: (unison)

Encircle us. Embrace us, God. Visit us in small spaces. Splash summertime wonders on our paths. Grace us to see them. Music-maker God, sing through our forests, splash in our rivers, dance in our fields. You are here. We are here. Encircle us in Your love. Amen.

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

Time with the Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry 644

Presentation

Parents' Baptismal Vows

Congregation Commitment: (unison) all stand

We have heard the will of these parents. We receive these children 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

Lydia Dianne McNally, daughter of Janet Elizabeth (Kingsley) & Robert Shawn McNally,

Kaitlynne Rayne Jewell, daughter of Tina Elaine & Ted Alan Jewell, **Peyton Anna Christine Adams**, daughter of Colette Jean Birmingham & Peter Edward Adams,

Rhyland Robert LeBlanc, son of Amy Marianne (Rose) & Nolan Joseph LeBlanc

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.

Solo: Bathe Me in Your Light Gemma Johnson

Offertory Invitation and Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Offertory Prayer: (responsive)

One: Loving God,

All: we give, not out of obligation, but as a response of thanksgiving to You. We give, not to keep the local church going, but to promote the mission of Jesus Christ. We give, not just to serve the persons in need that we know, but to serve those who are needy throughout the world.

One: We give and You, O God, receive our gifts and remind us that this is holy money.

All: You have blessed us, O God. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture: Hosea 11:1-11

God cares for Israel like a mother for a child.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The rich fool who builds bigger and bigger barns.

Hymn: He's got the whole world in His hands,

He's got the big round world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, He's got the sun and the moon in his hands, He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

> He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the big round world in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands, He's got the big round world in His hands, He's got you and me, sister, in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

> He's got everybody in His hands, He's got the big round world in His hands, He's got everybody in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

Meditation
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore 563

Commissioning & Benediction Organ Postlude Blessing & Sending Forth

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Dave Hapgood

Greeters: Claire Tremblett, Jennifer Neary

Ushers:

Phil Saunders, Bruce Hunt, Dot Hapgood