

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Minnie Parsons,
from Louise, Tom and family.

St. James United Church

September 2, 2013/ Pentecost 15

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
Assistant Organist: Gillian Burry
Choir: A.O.T.S.
Men's Choir Director: Doreen Brown

Organ Prelude

Introit: *Jesus, Stand Among Us*

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Welcome



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: God calls us to serve,

All: rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

All: rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship,

**All: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday,
today and forever.**

Opening Prayer: (together)

God invites us to mutual love. But to find this kind of love, we must let go of our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility we seek forgiveness, we seek reconciliation, we seek transformation, trusting in the promises of God. It is in the name of Jesus we live, serve and pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Come to My Heart*

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Time with the Children

Offertory Invitation: (together)

God gives us more grace than we could ever earn and sustains us in ways we cannot imagine. With a spirit of generosity, let us freely offer ourselves and our gifts to the world. Amen.

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

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Offertory Prayer: (together)

God of grace, we give thanks for Your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for Your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of Your unending grace. In the light of Your mercy, and confident in Your love, we dedicate these offerings and ourselves to You. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James

Prayer for Illumination: (responsive)

One: God of Wisdom,

All: open us to the work of Your Spirit,

One: that we may hear,

All: and faithfully respond to these Holy Words. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Testament:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Responsive Psalm:

81: Sing a Psalm of Joy

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Hymn:

I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry

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Gospel:

Luke 14: 1-14

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn:

Jesus Calls Us

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A Time of Prayer and Silence

Closing Hymn: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

(Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* Worship Companion)

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellan

Greeters: Tom & Maxine Rose

Ushers: Jan Winsor, Bruce Hunt, Beulah Riche, Jim Inder



Donations have been received for the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Chesley Moore, from his wife Barbara and family, and in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Harvey Riche from his wife Beulah, son Jason, daughter-in-law Mary and grandchildren Isabella & Jack.

A donation has been received for the Mission & Service Fund, in loving memory of Rev. Dr. Wallace Baker from Barbara Moore and family.

Registration for Children and Youth Programs: next Saturday, Sep. 7th!

Rev. Terrie will be conducting a one-hour Bible Study on the Book of Revelation over a five week period, starting either Monday September 16 at 10am or Tuesday September 17 at 7pm. If this interests you, please show up!

Thank you to our summer students, Rebecca Pike, Joel LeFeuvre, and Sheldon Downey, for their outstanding work over the summer, and we wish them much happiness and success in their future endeavours.

Escasoni Worship: Services at the Escasoni Complex will begin again on Tuesday, September 10. Volunteers are always needed to help with transporting residents to and from the worship area, as well as during worship. If you have never been a volunteer for this special ministry, why not come along? Perhaps you have a talent you wish to share with residents, such as a vocal or instrumental performance. We would love to have you! We gather at 1:30 in the main auditorium. Worship begins at 2 pm and usually lasts for a half hour. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this ministry, please contact Rev. Pamela at the church office or by email at mununitedchaplain@gmail.com.

Project Grace is seeking volunteers for its brand new fundraising committee. This committee will be responsible for brainstorming and executing 2 - 3 major fundraising events for the After School Music Program. If you are interested in being involved, please email Gillian Sheppard at projectgracenl@gmail.com or call 725-4529

St. James Go Project Youth presents *A Spirit of Newfoundland Dinner Theatre Fundraiser "Beatles.... Back In the N.F.L.D."* Join us for an evening of entertainment and food, provided by Spirit of Newfoundland! October 17 at 7pm, doors open at 6pm; tickets \$80 per person (\$30 tax receipt) at the Masonic Temple, 6 Cathedral Street. For tickets please contact Rebecca Pike or the Church office.