St. James United Church

 October 6, 2013

 Pentecost 20/World Communion Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Choir: Senior Choir

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller

Assistant Organist: Gillian Burry

Band: Sight Restored

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**Organ Prelude:** *Prelude & Fugue in E Minor*  Bach

**Introit:** *Sing and Bless The Lord* Landon

**Welcome**

**Hymn:** *We Are One*402: v.1, 2, 3

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,

All: people with vision.

One: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,

All: people with questions.

One: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,

All: people with self-doubts.

One: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,

All: people with courage.

One: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,

All: people with regrets.

One: We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophoenician woman,

All: people with wisdom from the margins.

One: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel,

All: people with a part to play in the story of faith.

 **Opening Prayer:** (together) Wondrous God, You touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is Your gift. We praise You for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with Your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry Your goodness into the coming week. May we feel our community expand from this place around the globe on this World Communion Sunday. We pray in Jesus’ name, our Source and Saviour. Amen.

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**Time with the Children**

**Hymn:** *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* 459

**Offertory Invitation:** (together) In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we are about to bring our gifts to You, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart. Amen.

**Organ Offertory:** *As The Deer* arr. Wagner

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

**Offertory Prayer:** (together)

Through these gifts, O God, may all heed the voice of justice, hear the call to compassion, embrace the way of sharing, and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.

**Life and Work at St. James**

**Prayer for Illumination** (together):Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may Your Word be heard;

in the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known;

and in the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen.

 **THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Testament:** Exodus 16: 1-18

**Responsive Psalm 137:** *By the Babylonian Rivers* 859

**Hymn:** *One Bread, One Body* 467

**Gospel:** John 6 : 47-59

**Anthem :** *Feed Me Lord* arr. Liebergen



**Sermon**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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

**Music during Communion:** *This Do In Remembrance of Me/Eat This Bread*

**-3- The Great Thanksgiving:** (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
**One:** God of all nations, You created every person in Your image and called us by Your Holy Spirit to become one in Christ Jesus, through baptism and through faith. In Jesus Christ, You showed us the way to live with unique gifts and particularities, yet in harmony with You and with each other. You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all. So, today we join with voices throughout the earth and in heaven saying:
**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 are You and blessed is Your child, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived among us to show us Your love: caring enough to feed hungry persons, stopping to touch those in need of healing, reaching out to those not like himself: a Samaritan woman at a well, lepers from another country, those tortured by demons, a father pleading for his daughter, a woman from Syro-Phoenicia, Zacchaeus, a tax collector, a rich young ruler, a humble fisherman. When people gathered to hear His teachings, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them to eat, so that they might be fed. When Jesus ate with his disciples for his final meal on earth, they remembered His blessing on the multitude, and listened as he told them:
**ALL: “Take, eat, this is My body given for you.”**One: They watched as Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said,
**ALL: “Take, drink, this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for the whole world for the forgiveness of sins.”**One: After his death and resurrection, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples told others through this meal, that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God, for all humankind. Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**ALL: Christ, by Your cross and resurrection You have set us free. You are the Savior of the World.**One: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on the table spread this day around this globe, and here spread with breads from around the world. May all who partake, wherever they live, know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. May Your church go forth from Communion with you to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world.
**ALL: In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.**

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**Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup**

**Welcome to the Table**

**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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 626

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Organ Postlude:** *Benedictus Qui Venit* Nordman

*\* prayers adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,Celebrate God’s Presence*

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Ushers in Charge:** Al & Minnie Penney

**Greeters:** Rev. Bill & Daphne Coish

**Ushers:** Earl Snelgrove,, Barbara Butt

Betty Winsor ,Karen Brown

Ray Keats, Sadie Keats

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**A donation has been made to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of mother, Mildred Blackwood and brother, Walter Blackwood, from Lorna and Bas Jamieson.

**A donation has been made to St. James UC** in loving memory of Jean Skanes from St. James United Church Women.

**The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located in the west side closet of the church foyer. A sign saying such is on the door.

**From now until the end of the year, there will be a weekly 9.30am service**. Tell your friends! The 11am Sunday Service will continue forever.

**The next Escasoni Service** will take place on Tuesday October 8th at 2pm.

**Sits.Vac:** Please contact SuAn (722-1881)if either of these opportunities to serve the community interests you.

 **The Observer:** We are looking for someone or two to continue Al and Minnie Penney’s good work of keeping your subscription up to date.

**Communion:**  Mary Hood has gracefully retired from her responsibility of coordinating and preparing communion.  We offer our appreciation and thanks to Mary!  Now we are looking for a person/a few people to continue her good work.

**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 17th 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.

**St. James UCW Annual Fall Sale and Morning Coffee** **will take place on Saturday November 2**, from 9.45-noon. More details will follow!

**St. James AOTS will offer their semi-annual Fish Dinner on Friday November 22** at 6pm. $18 tickets are available from David Hapgood and Albert Styles.

Peter MacDonald Productions is putting on **‘The Wizard of Oz’** at the St. John's Arts and Culture Center, Oct. 9th - Oct 12th with a newly added 2p.m. Saturday matinee. Starring Amy Grainger as Dorothy and a cast of over 100!  A great night of family entertainment for all ages!

**Bereavement Information and Support Program** with facilitators Jean White-Coady and Erik Seaward. This 8-week Bereavement Information and Support Group is designed for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. In this facilitator led group, members provide support to each other through a program developed for the sharing of resources and information. This program will be offered Thursdays, 7 – 9 p.m., Oct. 10th to Nov.28th inclusive. Facilitators for this group have been trained by Pastoral Care and Ethics, Department of Eastern Health. For more information or to register for the group, please contact Jean at 368-7050 or jean.jay@nf.sympatico.ca.

**Topsail United Church Annual Harvest Festival Celebrations** will commence on Saturday, October 12th with a Thanksgiving Breakfast from 8 until 11am with the same great menu. Cost $7 adults, $3 children under 12. On Monday October 14 beginning at 11am and continuing until 1pm, their Annual Sale of Baked Goods, Preserves and Crafts. Also a soup Luncheon with dessert, tea and coffee cost Just $ 7.  Their annual Jiggs Dinner will take place from 4;30 to 6pm., Cost $14, To reserve tickets please call the church office at 834-4567 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily Monday until Friday.

**Ladies! October 20-26 is Pap Test Awareness Week**. When was your last test? If the next one is due, call your health care provider this week for an appointment. For more information about it all, please call Susan White of Eastern Health at 752-4353.

**St. James 55th Anniversary Celebrations:** On Friday, November 15th, we will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary with a dinner and auction at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. This facility is wheelchair accessible. The dinner will start at 6:30 pm followed by a silent and live auction.The cost of the dinner is $30 for adults and $20 for children under 12. It will consist of stuffed chicken breast and all the trimmings. Tickets are available at the church office and the deadline is November3rd. When you purchase your tickets please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions such as diabetes or gluten-free and we will make sure that you have a dessert to enjoy. If you do not have transportation or you don’t drive by night, we can arrange a ride for you. Just let us know when you purchase your ticket and we can get you there. If you are able to provide transportation, please let us know that as well. We are looking for items for the auction such as baked items, knitted goods, sewn items, dinners, sailing trips, pictures, or anything you would like to donate, please drop them off to the office by November 10th. A form for your donation will be available at the church office and at the services on Sundays. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 722-1881.