

St. James United Church

November 9th, 2014/Remembrance Day/Communion Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Senior
Organist/Senior Choir Director: Sophia Werden-Abrams
Trumpeter: Ft. Sergeant Noah Sheppard
514 Kinsman Squadron RCAC
Readers: Sergeant Hannah Sheppard
508 Caribou Squadron RCAC
Liam Evans

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
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Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Color Party Entry

Singing: *O Canada* 524

Act of Remembrance: Hannah Sheppard

One: They shall not grow old.....we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post: Noah Sheppard

Silence

Reveille

Prayer

Flags placed

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: In times of trouble and war we called to God, and God rescued us and gave us peace.

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All: We will proclaim God's faithfulness now and to all generations.

One: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

All: We will share the peace of Christ, that passes all understanding, with this and with all generations.

Opening Prayer: (together) O God of Peace, we praise You for Your gift of peace. When we get worried and stressed, you calm us with the peace of Your presence. When we say and do things we know are wrong, You give us the peace of Your forgiveness. When relationships with family or friends break down, You show us the way of love and reconciliation, and You help us to make peace. We confess, O God, that we do not always follow the way of peace. We seek revenge when someone hurts us. We get angry when someone criticizes us. We put down the people who don't live up to our expectations. We are quick to try to solve our problems with violence. O God, forgive us and show us the way of love, forgiveness and peace. This we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *For the Healing of the Nations* 678

Celebrating Relationships: Circle Song, Passing the Peace & Children's Time

Hymn: *O Day of Peace* 682

Invitation to the Offering

Offering & Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Offertory Prayer: (together)

God of Justice – not “just us” – we commit ourselves to be Your people and to be on Your side. We do not stand neutral as injustice bleeds into our social fabric: we act. Thanks be to You for the vision, the courage, and the witness of Jesus, who shows us that the way to new life often comes through sacrifice. Thank You; it is great to be in this place. Amen.

Readings: Responsive Psalm 78, part 1 792
1 Thessalonians 4: 1-18
'I Don't Remember.' Liam Evans

Anthem

Reflection : Hearing the Stories

Communion Hymn: *Bread of Life, Feed My Soul* MV194

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 God!

One: Let us praise God.

All: It is right and good that we praise God, always and everywhere.



Invitation:

One: When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread.....the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

All: All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.

Prayer of Remembrance:

One: We remember.....there were even 12 baskets of food left over.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your abundant care and solidarity, revealed in this meal.

One: We remember.....enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.

One: We remember.....everyone at the meal.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.

One: At these meals, Jesus and the women and men.....we joyfully celebrate the hope inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Lifting of the Elements:

One: Gracious God, may this meal, for us.....may we share in Your kingdom of love, justice and mutuality with those around us. Amen.

Blessing:

All: Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share, so we may be opened to Your abiding presence, nourished by Your gracious love and strengthened by Your resurrection power. Amen.

One: Come, taste the Kingdom, and know God is present with us here.

Communion

Thanksgiving Prayer following Communion: (together)

Amazing God, thank You for Your presence in this place. We also thank You for giving us a taste of Your Kingdom in this meal. Please use this food to strengthen us to be Your joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community, sharing and experiencing Your Kingdom of love, justice, and mutuality. Flow through us, healing God. Amen.

Return of the Colors

Closing Hymn: *Ode to Newfoundland*

When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills, and summer spreads her hand;
When silvern voices tune thy rills, we love thee, smiling land;
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white, at winter's stern command;
Thro' shortened day and starlit night, we love thee, frozen land;
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee, frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore, and wild waves lash thy strand;
Thro' spindrift swirl and tempest roar, we love thee, windswept land;
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee, windswept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love, where once they stood, we stand;
Their prayer we raise to heaven above, God guard thee, Newfoundland;
God guard thee, God guard thee, God guard thee, Newfoundland.

Blessing & Sending Forth

Color Party Exits

Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Barry Cutler

Ushers: Linda Babstock,

Marjorie Tiller

Trevor & Janet, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

