

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

A cherished father, Eric Paul,
(July 2, 1940 – November 21, 2014)

from Nancy and Anthony.

And in loving memory of

Eric Parsons

from Louise & Tom Harris.

St. James United Church

June 21, 2015

Aboriginal Sunday/Summer Solstice

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| Minister: | Rev. Terrie Jackson |
| Minister of Visitation: | Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald |
| Minister of Youth/Christian Education: | Susan Sheppard, DLM |
| Music Directors: | Amy Dalziel Sophia Werden Abrams |
| Musical Presentation: | Katelyn Mayo Hannah Sheppard |

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As we gather together, we come to this place;

All: where our joys overlap and where our week starts, we find rest.

One: So let us celebrate the Presence as we pray together.

Opening Prayer: (together) Gracious God, as Jesus stilled the waters we come today asking You to still our hearts and souls. Open our minds to hear Your word. Teach us what reconciliation means. Enliven us with the power of Your grace. Fill us with Your Spirit to do Your work in our community and world. Amen.

Hymn: *Come to My Heart* 661

Children's Time, The Circle Song & Passing the Peace

We remember National Aboriginal Day

One: We pause to share in God's dream of abundant life for all. We pause to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love. With gratitude we pause as a community to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer: (together) Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by a legacy of pain. We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living respectfully with all people, and we are sorry for the ways that we have dishonoured the depths of this pain. Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness. Help us to receive the painful stories and the inspiring dreams of our siblings. Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability, shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions with each other. And with Your healing grace, lead us through our aching toward Your dream of wholeness. Transform us and our community so that we may continually work toward reconciliation and new life. Amen.

One: God forgives, and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles, and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.....

Sacred Stones of Reconciliation:

"I tell you if the crowds were silent, the stones would shout out."

Luke 19, v.40

One: Let us be assured of God's Grace and Love as we sing together:
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, 375 refrain 3x
Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* 567

Offertory Invitation

Offering: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together) O Great Holy Healer, on this day as we bring the work of our hearts and hands to You, we pray that it be used for the healing of body and soul, in our church, communities and in our world.
Amen.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Duet: *Wings* Hannah Sheppard
Katelyn Mayo

Gospel: Mark 4 : 35-41

Hymn: *Will Your Anchor Hold?* 675

Reflection

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Go to the World* 420

Commissioning and Benediction: (responsive)

One: Thank you, God, for entrusting me with this dream.

All: Thank you, God, for entrusting me with this dream of peace and reconciliation.

One: May I hold it as sacred!

All: May I hold it as sacred!

One: As I walk from this Holy Space, let its presence inform my thoughts, actions, and prayers.

All: As I walk from this Holy Space, let its presence inform my thoughts, actions, and prayers.

One: And may the

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon

Greeters: Ross, Betty, Willow and Gracie Pilgrim

Ushers: Karen Brown, Jan Winsor, Aubrey Hill, Baxter Howse

