

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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July 3, 2016/Pentecost V11

A Service of Remembrance, Baptism and Covenant

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Rev. Terrie Jackson

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Amy Dalziel

Guest Musicians:

Sophie and Julia Fitzgerald

**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.**

**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

## Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Acknowledgement of the land

Lighting of the Community Candle

Sharing in Signs of Peace:

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.*

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Let us gather in celebration and community.

**All: It is good to be here.**

One: Let us also pay deep attention to the world around us:

**All: we are present with our eyes,**

One: to hear the sounds of creation;

**All: we are present with our ears,**

One: to feel the pain of our fellow people;

**All: we are present with our hearts,**

One: to smell the banquet of abundant life;

**All: we are present with our lives.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Blossom of Love, give us courage and an open spirit as we consider the life and teachings of Jesus. You are in the story of the world. You are the world coming to know itself. We trust that all You will ever say or do belongs in the story of the world. May we feel an invitational embrace beckoning us to fullness of life where we celebrate beauty and engage the causes of suffering. May it be so. Amen.



**Children's Time & GO Covenant****GO Project Covenant:** (responsive)

One: Members of the congregation, will you support the GO Project as youth gather together, here at St. James, over the next 11 days? Will you share with the GO Project your support, love of God and openness to this ministry?

**All: We will, God being our helper.**

**Prayer:** (together) Loving God, we thank You for Your grace and presence in each of our lives as we open our hearts and minds to You. Please be present in us as we pray for the GO Project and its leaders. Strengthen them and us so that we can work diligently in Your service. Please watch over us as we travel the uncertain path, and keep us safe in Your loving community. We give thanks for willing servants in Your church, and we pray that You will lead them knowing You are ever with us. Amen.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism****Presentation****Parents' Baptismal Vows****Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):**

We have heard the will of the 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 and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed 918

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water****Action of Baptism**

**Joshua Ralph Cheater and James William Cheater**, sons of Darlene Michelle and Jeremy George Cheater;

**Blessing:** (together) 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.

**Hymn:** *God, We Pray at This Beginning*

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory:** *We Rise Again* Sophie Fitzgerald

**Offertory Hymn:** *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

**Offering Dedication:** Generous God, source of all abundance, bless now these gifts, we pray. Receive this offering. Receive our very lives. Fit us for humble, joyful ministry in Your name. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14

*Hymn in Honour of Our Ancestors*

Galatians 6: 1-10

*You reap what you sow; sow in the Spirit*

**Hymn:** *Like a Healing Stream* MV144

**Meditation****Act of Remembrance****Litany of Remembrance Battle of Beaumont-Hamel:**

To each invocation, our response will be:

One: with grateful hearts, we remember them.

**All: With grateful hearts, we remember them.**

**Musical Offering:** *Sing You Home* Julia and Sophie Fitzgerald

**Last Post****Silence****Reveille****Prayer of Peace**

**Hymn** *Ode to Newfoundland*

**Blessing:**

One: The days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. May our eyes be filled with seeing and our minds with knowing.

**All: As the sun rises each day in perfect newness, so may we break upon each new day with splendour and expectation.**

**Benediction followed by Musical Postlude**

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