

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
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May 21, 2017 11:00am/Easter 6

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| Minister: | Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald |
| Minister of Youth/Christian Education: | Susan Sheppard, DLM |
| Acting Minister of Visitation: | Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray |
| Organist: | Bob Rose |
| Choirs: | UCW, Youth |
| Choirs' Director: | Doreen Brown |
| Guest Musicians: | Project Grace |
| Guest Speaker: | Gillian Sheppard, Executive Director, PG |



Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Acknowledgment of Country and First Peoples

Welcome, and Life and Work of St. James

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the Community Candle

Introit: *Spirit of the Living God*

Choirs

Opening Sentences: (responsive)

One: There is a song in my soul. It rises from the very depths demanding expression.

All: I can only hear this song in the very deepest silence.

One: The melody is compassion. The lyrics are service.

All: The rhythm is activity. The harmony is fellowship.

One: The song will end when I become the song.

All: The song, the singer, and the singing. All become One. (Fred Stella)

Opening Prayer: (together) We have gathered again in this sacred place; to marvel at life! To strive to know Your ways! To seek wisdom and truth, the gateways to life's mysteries! Wondrous indeed is life! May we create here a circle of love, ever expanding, ever growing; a place of wisdom, a place of connection, a place of hope. May it be so. Amen.



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Sharing The Peace:

One: The peace of God is here... to stay. *(Iona)*

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide* MV145

Children's Time

Hymn: *Make a Joyful Noise* 820

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Worship the Lord* 401

Now in response to the life You are giving, help us, Creator, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one!

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord), praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!

Prayer of Dedication: (together) God, whose children we are, receive these gifts we offer. May they help to bring others ever closer to You, and to experience and appreciate Your presence in their lives. Amen.

Silence

Scripture Readings

New Testament: Acts 17: 22-31

Anthem: *Never Far from Home* Choirs

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Hymn: *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* 245

Project Grace Presentation Gillian Sheppard



Prayers of the People: (responsive)

One: We call upon Your Spirit to come into our world,

All: and we name that Spirit, "Peace."

One: We call upon Your Spirit to come into our world,

All: and we name that Spirit, "Justice."

One: We call upon Your Spirit to come into our world,

All: and we name that Spirit, "Hope."

One: We call upon Your Spirit to come into our world,

All: and we name that Spirit, "Comforter."

One: We call upon Your Spirit to come into our world,

All: and we name that Spirit, "Friend." Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: Go in peace. Hold in your heart the certainty that the spirit of life is with you always.

All: When our hearts are torn asunder or when we soar with sweet joy, we are never alone, never apart from the spirit that resides within us and cherishes us always.

Words of Blessing

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Maxine Rose

Greeter: Joan Barbour and Maxine Rose

Ushers: June Jones, Nina Abbott, Vickie Styles,

Betty Pilgrim, Shirley Downey

Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices

Wheelchairs

Enlarged Bulletins

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