

# St. James United Church

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June 4, 2017/Pentecost /Baptism/Confirmation/Communion

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| Minister of Youth/Christian Education: | Susan Sheppard, DLM          |
| Acting Minister of Visitation:         | Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray     |
| Organist:                              | Bob Rose                     |
| Choir:                                 | Senior                       |
| Choir Director:                        | Emma Clark                   |

**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.**  
**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

### Musical Prelude

### Acknowledgement of Country and First Peoples

### Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

### Enter into Celebration

### Lighting the Community Candle:

One: The spirit of imagination is a gift to all people.

**All: The spirit of faithfulness is the gift of the earth.**

One: The spirit of hope breathes in the homeless and marginalised in this city.

**All: The spirit of freedom was announced by those who went before us and we proclaim it again today.**

One: The spirit of love is a gift to the church in every age.

**All: We see the flame of the Spirit of God.**

*The Pentecost Candle is lit.*

One: The spirit is dancing, moving, struggling, rising and calling to the ends of the earth.

**All: We have seen the flame of the spirit in our midst. Thanks be to God.**

### Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The peace of God is here...to stay.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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



**Introit:** *For the Beauty of the Earth, v1.* Choir

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: The disciples waited,

**All: and so did the Spirit.**

One: The disciples moved,

**All: and so did the Spirit.**

One: The disciples spoke,

**All: and so did the Spirit.**

One: Together, the disciples and the Spirit birthed the church.

**All: The Body of Christ, the communion of the Spirit. Us!**

One: As the Body, in communion, all together,

**All: Let us worship God.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) In all our living, come, Holy Spirit, come. Breathe into our hearts this day. Bless our celebration and inspire us, that we may live Spirit-filled lives. May we be freed to see things afresh, to be more fully alive, and have the courage to keep faith in the future. May we live lives of love and compassion for all. May it be so. Amen.

**Hymn:** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 509

**Children's Time**

**Hanging of the Banner**

**Hymn:** *Spirit, be our Breath of life* tune: Michael, Row the boat ashore  
*Spirit, be our breath of life, Alleluia! Spirit be our breath of life, Alleluia!*  
*Spirit, be our wind of change, Alleluia! Spirit, be our wind of change, Alleluia!*  
*Spirit, help us share our gifts, Alleluia! Spirit, help us share our gifts, Alleluia!*  
*Spirit, help us live God's love, Alleluia! Spirit, help us live God's love, Alleluia!*

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn:** *Spirit of Life* 381

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) We say thank You, God, for every little thing!  
We say thank You, God, for all the joy You bring! We say thank You, God, for  
breath and life and love! We say thank You, God, for the blessings of the  
dove.

(loud) Alleluia!(louder) Alleluia!!

(louder) Alleluia!!! (loudest) Amen!!!!

*Celebration of belonging: Baptism, Confirmation, Profession of Faith  
and Recognition of Transfers*



**Baptism, the narrative**

**Presentation and Promises**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (together) We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure we use the resources of water well, and make available future resources for our children and their children. We give thanks for the gift of this water. May it be the birthing waters of a new and holy life. Amen.

**The baptism:** *Abraham Collin Fuchs, son of Kimberly Collins and Matthew Fuchs*

**Baptismal prayer:** (together) Bless this newly baptised child. May he always know that the Source of all love lives and comes to unique expression in him. Bless *Kimberly & Matthew*, may they always show their gratitude for the new life given them by loving and caring for Abraham.. Bless this faithful people. May we all live in love. And may we continue to draw encouragement from the faith which connects our loving with the mystery we call 'God'. Amen.



**Introduction to Confirmation and Profession of Faith**

**Presentation of Candidates:**

*William Francis*

*Danielle Fry*

*Lauren Hollett*

*Samantha Hutchings*

*Claire Neary*

*Thomas Whelan*

**Profession of Faith and Promises**

**Congregational Commitment:** (together) We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

**Act of renewal of Baptism faith**

**Prayer for the candidates:** (together) Gracious God, giver of life, You have called us by name, and pledged to each of us Your faithful love. We pray today for Your blessing on them, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in You. Strengthen us to do Your will, and to serve You with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Recognition of Transfers:**

*Abena Owusua Amponsah  
Heidi Clench Francis  
Carolyn Marshall  
James Marshall  
Kwasi Aboagye Tenkorang*

**Hymn:** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* 442

**Silence**

**Scripture:** Acts 2: 1-21

**Anthem:** *African Psalm* Choir

**Meditation**

**Hymn:** *I Come with Joy* 477

*Communion*



**The Invitation:**

One: Today we gather around this table to remember and celebrate.

**All: This day we will celebrate the interconnectedness that is our life.**

One: May what we touch and taste and remember, remind us to see the world as a place of wonder,

**All: and find ourselves in each face we see.**

**Thanksgiving:**

One: We need thanksgiving...the interdependence of humanity.

**All: We need a voice to say Amen to life in its sameness and its variety, in its simplicity and complexity, in its joy and grief, in its agony and ecstasy.**

(Pause)

One: We give thanks and praise ...Spirit always present on the breath of life.

**All: We stand in wonder and awe.**

One: We remember the tradition... resulted in death.

**All: In the name of all prophets and sages who sacrificed their lives to hasten the coming of the reign of mutual respect, we commit ourselves to the unfolding of a better world.**

**Bread and Wine:**

One: And we remember the stories...share it with one another.

**All: We give thanks for this bread.**

One: Jesus took a cup of wine...this time together.

**All: We celebrate together.**

**Communion is served**



**Prayer after Communion**

**Hymn:** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

**Parting Words:**

One: Now may our wisdom show itself in deeds of compassion and in acts of understanding.

**All: May the fruits of the spirit be apparent in our lives.**

**Blessing**

**Choral Benediction:** *You Shall Go Out With Joy* 884

**Organ Postlude**

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**Ushering this week is provided by Usher in Charge: Jack Head**

**Greeters:** Tom & Maxine Rose

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