

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
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July 2, 2017/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Memorial Day/Canada Day

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Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray  
Organist: Bob Rose  
Soloist: Wayne Butler

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

### Musical Prelude

### Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

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



### Entry into the Celebration

### Lighting of the Community Candle

### Moment of Silence

### 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.*

### Opening Sentences: (responsive)

One: Empowering God, when the road ahead looms endless,

**All: empower us to be companions for one another along the road.**

One: Inspiring God, when the road forward is blocked,

**All: inspire in us creative responses that move us beyond the barriers.**

One: Enabling God, when the road before us divides,

**All: enable us to feel Your presence, luring us on.**

**Opening Prayer:** (responsive)

One: O God of shepherd, warrior, and prophet; Creator of First Peoples, pioneer, and saddlebag preacher; light of immigrant, loyalist, and seeker: we live with history and we love Your presence in it.

**All: We trace our roots to Your creative powers. We embrace one another as children of Your Spirit.**

One: As we celebrate our history today, help us remember all of it:

**All: that which makes us proud and that which makes us ashamed;**

One: that which reveals our closeness to Your Word and that which reveals our distance.

**All: Remind us of Your constant presence: forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all things new. Hear us, Redeemer God, as we dwell for a moment in Your goodness. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**

One: The peace of God is here...to stay. **All: Thanks be to God.**  
*(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)*

**Hymn:** *God of the Bible* MV28

**Children’s Time and Baptism**

**Celebrating belonging: the Sacrament of Baptism**

**The narrative  
Presentation  
Promises**



**Congregational Promise:** (together, standing as you are able)  
We stand as witnesses to the commitment Symonne has made this day. And we pledge ourselves to her support and care as she discovers the ways that the Spirit unfolds for her.

**A New Creed** 918

**Pouring the Water**

**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 request**

**The baptism:** *Symonne Hibbs Burry, daughter of Lloyd Scott Burry & Tracy Lynn Hibbs*

**Blessing** (*Laying on of hands*)

**Baptismal prayer:** (together) Bless this newly baptised child. May she always know that the Source of all Love lives and comes to unique expression in her. Bless *Lloyd*, may he always show his gratitude for the blessing given to by loving and caring for *Symonne*. 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.

**Presentation of the Baptismal candle and certificate**

**Baptismal hymn:** *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV161

**Offering Invitation**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn:** *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands* 537

**Offering Prayer:** Welcoming One, bless these gifts with Your Spirit. Transform these gifts into the balm that Your world needs. In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.

**Centering silence**

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 22: 1-14  
The sacrifice of Isaac

**Solo:** *The Lord’s Prayer* Wayne Butler

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:40-42  
Welcoming and offering a cup of water.

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

**Meditation**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *Deep in Our Hearts* MV154

**Parting Words:** (responsive)

One: We have come together to share our concerns, to speak words of inspiration, and to sing words of hope.

**All: May we now commit ourselves to do what we can to ease the burdens of others who suffer, and to work for a more wholesome environment for us, and for all the generations that will follow.**

**Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude**