

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
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*"Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make,
something you do, something you are and something you give away".*

John Lennon

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September 17, 2017/Creation Time 2/International Day of Peace

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Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choirs:	AOTS and UCW
Choirs Director:	Doreen Brown

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

Musical Prelude

**Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples
Welcome & Life & Work of St. James**

Introit: *God, We Thank You for the Morning*

Choirs

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the Community Candle

Sharing the Peace:

One: Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
I invite you to share the peace with your neighbours.
(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: God declares: there is a time to break down and a time to build up.

All: This is a time to build up God's creation!

One: There is a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

All: This is a time to dance in God's creation!

One: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

**All: This is a time to shout God's praise with joy, in celebration of all God's
blessings and the gifts of God's creation.**

One: Come, for this is the time to worship.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer: (together) God of all life, Your hands touch Creation, and it moves; Your heart beats, and life pulses anew; Your spirit dances, and the world

is changed! In this time together, help us to move, to live, to be changed, by your love, for the sake of Creation. We pray all this in the name of the one who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Children's Time

Hymn: *Like a Rock* MV92

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As You love, may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

Prayer of Dedication: (together) Compassionate and loving God, accept these gifts so that they may work in our world to soften hard hearts and open closed minds. We know Your kingdom is at work in the world. May compassion, grace and love bless and enliven the ministry these gifts support here in our own community and around the world. May it be a great blessing to many. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Exodus 14: 19-31

Anthem: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Choirs

Gospel: Romans 14: 1-12

Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 670

Meditation

Prayers of the People (responsive, with sung refrain VU400)

All: R. **Lord, listen to Your children praying,**

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

One Creator, listen you Your children praying...Do not forget us now.

All: R

One So many people are afraid...shelter them under Your wings.

All: R

One Lord, listen to Your children praying...

All: R

Closing Hymn: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* 703

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: The time has now come for us to leave this sacred place. As we do, may we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world ... (candle is extinguished)
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, that guides our lives and cherishes us always. Amen.

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo, Gerry Mayo, Jennifer Bartlett, Hannah Sheppard, Sophie Fitzgerald, Sara Collins

