

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9  
August 19, 2018



## Mission Statement

The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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## St. James United Church

August 19th, 2018

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Bob Rose
Musical Offering:	Bob and Jean Rose
Usher in Charge:	Dave Hapgood
Greeter:	Tom Rose
Ushers:	Maxine Rose, Jim Inder, Oliver Wellon

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

### Acknowledgement of the Country/First Peoples

### Entry into the Celebration

### Lighting the Community Candle

### Welcome

**Gathering Hymn:**                      *Praise the Lord*                      245

**Opening Sentences:** (responsive)

One: Sing to Life a new song!

**All: Sing to Life, all Creation!**

One: Sing of compassion and temper your deeds with kindness

**All: Sing to all the world and tell of the miracles that sustain is daily.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Holy One, may the spirit of wisdom, comfort and inspire us. The symbols of life are all around us: light and noise, infants and adults, birds and animals, colours and movement, words of goodwill, songs of joy. In all our living, may we be freed to see things afresh, to be more fully alive, and have the courage to keep faith in the future of humanity. May we be helped to recognise the symbols of life. May they be renewed every day, as we are inspired to share them generously. Amen

### Sharing 'The Peace'

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### Children's Time, Birthdays and Celebrations

Hymn: *My Soul Cries Out* MV120

### Offering Invitation

**Offering Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart (chorus) MV79  
*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:** As we seek to live wisely, we offer these gifts to you, O God. May the work of this money, and we your people, make music in praise of you. Amen

### Centering Silence

**Epistle:** **Ephesians 5:15-20**

**Musical Offering:** Bob and Jean Rose

**Gospel:** **John 6:51-58**

### Meditation

**Communion Hymn:** *Eat This Bread* 471

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

O God, true source of humanity, Mother and Father of us all. You renew us so we may grow like You.

**We gather together.**

### Thanksgiving

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Holy One.**

Let us give thanks. **It is right to give our thanks and our praise.**

God of the summer's day, **Praise and wonder be.**

God of the lingering sunset and early dawn,

**Praise and wonder be.**

God of the warm winds and the refreshing shower,

God of the shady tree and the cool water,

God of the ripening harvest and sparkling sea,

**Praise and wonder be.**

All creation blesses ... fins and wings

**Praise and wonder be.**

So we join our praise with all Your people across the generations, saying  
**Holy, holy, holy, Celebrating God,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

In our praise and thanksgiving ... as we pray together  
Our Father...

### **The Story**

### **Blessing**

### **Communion is served by Intinction**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Generous Giver of life, You supply us with all good things. May this bread and wine be the nourishment we seek, and may they transform us into disciples who serve in your creation. Amen

**Hymn:**                    *Now Thank We All Our God*                    236

### **Parting Words**

Blessed is the One within the many.  
**Blessed are the Many who make one.**

### **Musical Postlude**

*St. James United Church Life and Work, August 19, 2018*

### **Financial Update:**

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. Giving's for: July 29: \$3,002 August 5: \$4,093
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### **We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

#### ***to the General Fund***

\*in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Shirley Bursey

#### ***to Bridges to Hope***

\*in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Vera Marshall

#### ***to the Memorial Fund***

\*in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell, from Glenn & Glenda Winsor

\*in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell, from Phil Saunders

**Tickets are now available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

**Beginners' Yoga** is taking place Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at Cochrane Centre, in the sanctuary. All levels are welcome. Mats provided. For further information, please contact 754-2532.

**The annual bonfire & worship** at Middle Cove Beach will be on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Gathering at 7, with worship starting at 7:30! Bring your camp chairs, beverages, wieners & roasting sticks, and a little bit of wood for the fire!

**Minutes for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S create community & support people living on the margins. Located at Centretown United Church, Centre 507 is an adult drop-in centre & support service that describes itself in its motto: "Safe Haven, Stepping Stone", Daily, 100+ people facing challenges of homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental illness, unstable housing chronic unemployment & physical abuse come to the centre seeking a safe & friendly environment. A former chaplain reminisces about the journey with the people who drop in: lots of coffee & games of chess; the arrival of a man just released from prison in Kingston; a young woman, pregnant & seeking support, who had been rejected by her church; parents, searching for adult children who might be living on the streets of Ottawa; a volunteer from a local United Church would repair clothing for grateful participants. He led memorial services for participants who had died. One man had no family or money, had received the solitary burial provided by the government, but the people of Center 507 & Centretown United showed up so he would not be alone. Centre 507 staff, volunteers & participants make a great effort to ensure no one feels abandoned. M&S cares for these neighbours.

**Courageous Leading and Living: A Circle of Trust® Professional Retreat** This professional retreat welcomes educators, health care professionals, clergy, business and community leaders and anyone seeking to exercise leadership with authenticity and integrity. The retreat cost is \$300. This includes daily tea/coffee and snacks and lunch on Saturday. To register or for more information email Michael at michael.saver@rogers.com.

Spaces are limited, early registration is recommended.

When and Where?

Friday September 28th (6:30pm – 9pm)

Saturday September 29th (8:30am – 4pm)

Sunday September 30th (8:30am - 12pm)

Presentation Sisters Retreat House,

47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

**VOWR presents Kevin Collins "The Moment Is Mine"**, at Wesley United Church (corner of Patrick St. & Hamilton Avenue) on September 27th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by contacting Radio Station VOWR at 579-9233; Fred's Records, [198 Duckworth St.](#); Outfitters Army Navy Store, [1091 Topsail Road](#); or O'Brien's Music, [278 Water St.](#)

**On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** our youth group will be participating in the Terry Fox walk, and you are all invited to walk along with them! If you are interested in joining the team, sponsoring the team, or making a donation talk to Katelyn Mayo, Hannah Sheppard, or any members of the youth group!

**Start up dates for September:**

- 9:30 services will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Group will have its first meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, all youth in grades 5-12 are invited!
- Sunday School will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Sewing Studio: 3-5pm on Mondays, starting Set. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Not a Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Save the Date!** The second annual Diversity Fair will take place on Sunday, September 23, after the service from 12-2!