

Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* 331

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus:

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share. Because we love You and Your work, our offering now we make:

be pleased to use it as Your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offertory Prayer: (together) Almighty God, our offering is a statement of our faith. We want to make a difference in our congregation. We want to make a difference in our community. We want to make a difference in our world. Accept these gifts and bless them, O God. Turn these gifts into practical actions for the good. Amen.

Musical Offering: *Arabesque No. 1 by C. Debussy*

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69

Meditation "To Whom Shall We Go?"

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* 560

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Blessed Assurance* 337

Blessing and Sending Forth:

One: Just as Jesus sent the disciples into the world,

All: we are also sent.

One: We go as disciples.

All: We go as bearers of the Good News.

One: And God's blessing goes with us. Amen.

Benediction, followed by Musical Postlude

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 26, 2018

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the Youth Ministries** in celebration of the marriage of Robin Bartlett & Paul Walsh from Tom & Karen Brown;

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Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.

Giving's for: August 5: \$4,093

August 12: \$2,508

August 19: \$2,611

Next Wednesday, August 29: The annual bonfire and worship at Middle Cove Beach; 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!

Save these dates: *Saturday, September 15: Burry Heights Day; see posters! Advance tickets 754-8824; *Sunday, September 16: Terry Fox walk with our youth group; *Saturday, November 17, St James 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

Minutes for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support ecumenical partners like KAIROS, which seeks justice and offers ways for faith groups to live out the *94 Calls to Action of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission*. In March 2017, 45 people, indigenous and settler, young and old, teachers and counsellors, medical staff and faith healers gathered with one common goal - to learn how to facilitate the Kairos Blanket Exercise at the Saskatoon Friendship Centre. Those gathered were committed to living out the Calls to Action, especially as they pertain to education around the impacts of colonization. The Kairos Blanket Exercise is a rich, complex and emotional experience of sharing the history of colonization - telling the story not fully taught in school. The new facilitators committed to carrying the experience into their communities. The group learned ways to navigate the anger, tears, and painful revelations brought to light by the experience. The 45 new facilitators listened to the words of the elders, laughed and shared together, promising to support one another. The group left with open hearts and open ears, ready to share the good news of truth telling and reconciliation.

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