

St. James United Church

September 23, 2018/Creation Time 3

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist/Musical Offering	Paul Rodermond
Usher in Charge:	Robin Bartlett
Greeters/Ushers:	Paul Walsh, Rebecca-Ann Bartlett, Les & Grace Dean, Jennifer Bartlett

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

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Community Candle: We light this candle as a symbol of the presence of Jesus with us individually, and as a community of faith.

Introit: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* Choir/563

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: This is a place where we can be together within the Spirit.

All: In our busy lives we can pause and refresh our souls.

One: We can lift up our voices with all of creation and give praise to God the Creator.

All: In this gathering place where all are welcome, we can praise and worship our God.

One: Let us gather now in worship.

Opening Prayer: (together) God of the Promise, we recommit ourselves to You today. Remind us of the responsibilities we have accepted, as Your people. May Your never-ending grace and Your forever love be in us and with all creation, always. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Chorus: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 400

*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!*

Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hymn: *Jesus Loves me* 365

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus:

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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) Sometimes it doesn't seem like much; sometimes it doesn't seem like enough; yet these are the gifts we present to You, O God. They are our commitment to Your mission here in this church and in the world. Bless these gifts as You bless us for your purpose, we pray. Amen.

Anthem: *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter Choir

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 1 724
 Mark 9: 30 - 37

Meditation

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* 642

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *We Are Pilgrims* 595

Blessing and Sending Forth: Knowing that the world places heavy burdens upon all of us, let us go out with love and grace, prepared, willing, and ready, with God as our helper, to love and serve our neighbour.

Benediction

Musical Postlude

Minute for Mission

Our gifts to M&S support community ministries like Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry which advocates for those on the margins of society in Regina. The ministry has been advocating for low income individuals and families for 50 years; it is the only community organization in the province to offer welfare advocacy services. The people served need more than money - they need services and programs that will help them improve their skills and abilities so they can better compete in the job market. For example: a young man sought services because his welfare had been cut off. He had less than a grade 8 education and could not hold a job. His government worker kept placing him in positions that he continued to fail at – the last being a construction job where he could not read a tape measure and his fellow employees made fun of him. The ministry assisted him in appealing the decision to cut off his welfare payments showing that no one had listened to him. 4 years later, he came back to share that he had earned his grade 12 diploma, had gone on to technical college and graduated with a certificate in engineering and

offered a job which he still maintains. He intends to never require social assistance payments again. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Accessibility at St. James United Church
Hearing Devices – Wheelchairs - Enlarged Bulletins -
AED(Automated External Defibrillator)

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

Help Us To Help You

<input type="checkbox"/> We have sickness in our family	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call from a Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive <i>The Visitor</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in PAR or envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss full membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my address

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

St. James United Church Life and Work, September 23, 2018

We offer our condolences to Grace Baker, her family and friends, on the passing of her beloved husband Alvin on September 16. His funeral service took place from St. James last Thursday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

- *in loving memory of Wesley Martin from Bill & Carol Pushie and Roy & Nellie Noseworthy;
- *in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from Kevin & Molly Stacey and Fannie Branton.

Unfortunately for St. James, our own Rev. Pamela has accepted a full time Minister position at Gower Street. While we are sad Rev. Pamela will be leaving us, we understand this is an exciting opportunity for her, and wish her the very best in the next chapter of her ministry. An opportunity will be arranged for the congregation to thank and congratulate Rev. Pamela in the near future.

Financial Update:

<p>To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)</p> <p>Givings for: September 2: \$3,351 September 9: \$4,302 September 16: \$3,341</p>

The St. James budget for 2018 included a revenue target of \$7,300 for the special Thanksgiving offerings. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, let's make a collective effort to exceed this amount! Thanks again to the congregation for all the continued support.

As many of you are aware, St. James United Church is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. To commemorate the occasion, a calendar has been created to highlight the various groups that have been a part of our history, from the beginning to now. For those of you able to drop by the church, there will be a copy of the calendar hung outside the office for you to flip through. If you are interested in pre-ordering a calendar, please contact Jennifer Adams by email at jadams@nl.rogers.com or call 237-7011. **Tickets for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations Dinner are available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office. This milestone event will take place on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

The Friendship Group is looking for a couple of energetic and enthusiastic women to spearhead the group. The group is made up of seniors (ladies only), non-denominational; they meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from September to May. For more details please contact Winona Kelsey at 722-6529 or Barbara Butt at 576-1344. *"One of the best feelings in the world is knowing that someone is happy because of you."*

Congregational Thanksgiving: Friends, Faith and Forks: Some St. James volunteers will hold a casual Thanksgiving *'bring your own dish (BYOD)'* dinner for our congregation on Friday, October 5 at 6:45pm (for seating at 7pm). Free admission, no reservations required! Join us all for a relaxed evening of food, friendship and fun! To help out or to contribute food, please notify Susan Sheppard at 722-1881, ext. 204, or susan@stjamesuc.org, or Robin Bartlett at 754-5409, 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com

AOTS Fish and Brewis Dinner: Our Fall dinner will be on Friday, October 19 at 6pm at a cost of \$20. For tickets, please contact any member of the men's club, or Aubrey Hill at 726-8306.

Today, after the 11am Service: Coffee Hour and our second annual Diversity Fair.

Tomorrow, Monday, September 24: Weekly *Sewing Studio* continues: 3-5pm.

Thursday, September 27: Weekly session of *Not a Bible Study* continues in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Next Sunday, September 30, is Orange Shirt Day, a day to remember residential school students (both those who have survived and those who sadly have perished), and to advocate for equal education for Indigenous children. We invite you to wear an orange shirt to raise awareness of the historical and continuing inequalities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. For more information check out their website, www.orangeshirtday.org

Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice is sponsoring: Reflection on Water event scheduled for Bowring Park, September 30 at 2pm.

Naming Contest: As part of the ongoing administrative renewal of the UCC, our Province has been named Region 16. You are invited to participate in a naming contest for our region. Your suggestion must be no longer than 44 characters, and the winner gets a prize! Please see the notice boards for

more details, or bring or send your suggestion to SuAn (info@stjamesuc.org, subject Naming Contest) and she will submit them all before the deadline of October 26.

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