

## St. James United Church

October 21, 2018/World Food Sunday

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Music Group:	Senior Choir
Usher in Charge:	Jack Head
Greeters/Ushers:	Florence Head, Oliver Wellon, Gilbert & Lillian Thomas, Cator Brown

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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.

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

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

**Introit:** *Like a Mighty River Flowing* Choir (267)

### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We come into this moment, prepared to celebrate God, aware of the needs of the world, and open to the Spirit that leads us.

All: **God supports us as we seek to share life with all creation.**

One: We come into this moment, aware of the variety of needs that surround us and open to a future yet to be revealed.

All: **Encourage us as we reach out with hope and goodwill toward others.**

One: In words and in songs, in stories and in prayers, in quiet times and happy times, God is with us. Thanks be to God. Let us worship.

**Opening Prayer:** (together) God, we have come to this place to know You, to grow in faith, and to strengthen our ties to one another. Help us to deepen our commitment to Your values of peaceful living, and abundant generosity, and fullness of life for all people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

### Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Hymn:** *Jesus Bids Us Shine* 585

**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) Servant Lord, mold us into servants of Your love. In thanksgiving for what You have done for us, we seek to honor You. Accept these gifts and transform them into powerful and mighty resources, so that all may know the extent of Your love. Amen.

**Anthem:** *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* Choir

**Scripture:** Hebrews 5: 1-10  
Mark 10: 35-45

**Meditation**

**Hymn:** *I Love to Tell the Story* 343

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *I Feel the Winds of God Today* 625

**Blessing and Sending Forth:** (responsive)

One: We came from our daily activities within our home community, and we have been open to God's presence as we worshipped together.

**All: Let us go from here renewed and refreshed, eager to be God's presence in the world, now and always.**

**Benediction followed by Musical Postlude**

***"We can do no great things, just small things with great love."***  
**Mother Theresa**

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 21, 2018

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund from Betty Winsor.

**Financial Update:** To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for:	September 30:	\$4,745
	October 7:	\$3,695
	October 14:	\$3,904

**This evening:**

\*Youth Group at St. James, 7-9.

\*United Community of Faith Evening Worship at 7 at Cowan Heights UC. We are very pleased to have Rev. Brian Colbourne as our guest preacher for this service. Refreshments will be served following worship in the auditorium. Participating choirs include George Street UC and Wesley UC Men's Choirs as well as a Community Choir. Proceeds from this service will be donated to Bridges to Hope. Ample parking is available; all welcome.

**Tomorrow, Monday, October 22:**

\**Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 3-6pm.

\**Writer's Circle* every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Room, open to anyone wishing to discover or exercise their creative writing skills as well as folks needing direction, proofreading or editing of their work, with assistance from experienced leaders.

**Tuesday, October 23:**

\*Chi Gong 2018 at 11am in the Fellowship Room has 3 spots left for 7 sessions; \$70 each.

\*Our St. James Guitar Group will be playing at North Pond Manor, Torbay at 2pm.

**Wednesday October 24:**

\*Our Friendship Group meets at 12:30pm.

\*Project Grace's Music Lessons for Grown Ups! 8 week fall semester for \$120, Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, October 24 - December 12, with classes in piano, violin, ukulele, clarinet, flute, cello and basic music theory. For more information and to register, please visit [www.projectgrace.ca](http://www.projectgrace.ca)

**Thursday, October 25:** Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

**Next Sunday, October 28:** Please join us for Coffee Hour after the 11am Service when we say goodbye to Rev. Pamela and wish her well in her new Ministry. Also, Anniversary Dinner tickets (\$25 each) and 2019 Anniversary Calendars (\$20 each) will be available for purchase.

**Our UCW Fall Sale** is on Saturday, November 3 this year at 9:45am. If you would like to contribute to the sale, please contact a UCW member. Tickets are \$7 from any UCW member. We'd love to see you there!

**Book Group:** Monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain begins on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm to allow time for you to find the book and start reading!

**Sunday November 11:** the 11am Worship Service will be moved to 4pm for a '*Going Down of the Sun*' Service to commemorate Remembrance Day. The change in time will enable those who are able and interested to attend the Remembrance Day Services held at the cenotaphs in the area.

**St. James Anniversary Weekend:**

**\*Saturday, November 17,** Dinner at 6 for 6:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase during the week from SuAn.

**\*Sunday, November 18,** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at 11am with Rev. Ralph Taylor as our guest preacher. Rev. Taylor, son of the late William and Sally Taylor, was the first candidate for ministry from St. James. Following the service, there will be a coffee hour downstairs. Come and help us celebrate this special occasion.

**\*A copy of the 2019 Anniversary calendar** is outside the office, and available for purchase during the week from the office.

**Naming Contest Deadline is next Friday, October 26:** As part of the ongoing administrative renewal of the UCC, NL has been named Region 16. Suggestions for a new name must be no longer than 44 characters; the winner gets a prize! Please see the notice boards for more details, or bring or send your suggestion to SuAn, and she will submit them all before the deadline of October 26.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support global partners in their day-to-day work through long term change and emergencies. The Organization of African Instituted Churches ((OAIC) works on gender justice, micro-credit, sustainable agriculture and programs to address the extreme hunger caused by drought. Hear the thoughts from a participant in the M&S Global Pilgrimage to Kenya in one of the areas hardest hit by hunger. *“We left the office of the Minister of Agriculture who asked that we help his people. On the way up a mountain road we saw dry lands, sparse and skinny livestock and the hardship in people’s eyes. We saw many people running toward a government water truck that delivered water each day. OAIC is working in this arid region to support agriculture and food security by empowering female small holder farmers to advocate on their behalf to impact legislation. Indicators show that when women are at the center of projects and decisions, there is significant progress toward food security. Dry riverbeds, pleas to help people, the daily water truck, the hope shared by the farmers – these images stay with us”* Our gifts to M&S make this hope of a better tomorrow possible.

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