



**Opening Prayer:** (together) Loving God, guide us through Your Word in worship this morning, and help us to understand the messages and reflections of our young people. Help us to recognize all that we have to offer, and learn new ways to spread Your love. Show us the gifts that you have given us, so that, through our worship, we can learn how to use them to make a difference in the world. We pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn:** *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV161

## **Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

#### **Presentation**

#### **Parents' Baptismal Vows**

**Congregational Commitment:** (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed** 918

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water**

##### **Action of Baptism**

##### **Nathan Peter Long**

(son of Tiffany Hanames Long and Matthew Long)

##### **Hudson Wayne Dorman Bixby**

(son of Kelsey Louise Dymond and Darren Sidney Bixby)

#### **Baptism Chorus:**

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.  
I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love.  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

#### **Offertory Invitation**

#### **Offering**

**Offertory Chorus:** *Spirit, Open My Heart* 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.*

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) Gift of Life, receive these gifts we offer today. We offer these gifts up to You as a symbol of the much bigger gifts You have given us. May

these offerings be used to help others experience Your love. Just as we use our God given gifts to make a difference, use these gifts to create a positive impact in the world. Amen.

**Scripture:** Matthew 14: 13-21  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

**Anthem:** *Amani Utupe (Grant Us Peace)* Choir

**Reflections** Laura Mayo, Rebecca-Ann Bartlett

**Hymn:** *Your Love Is Amazing* MV26

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

**Closing Hymn:** *Go, Make a Difference* MV209

**Parting Words:** As you leave here today, take time to discover the gifts God has given each one of us. Use your gifts to impact the world, and give all praise and honour to God for those abilities.

God, we pray that You will teach us to use our gifts to help others, to spread love and to make a difference in the lives of those around us and all over the world. As we go out into the world, we are reminded not only to share what we have to offer, but also to thank those who use their God given gifts to spread God's love in our own lives and the lives of so many others.

### **Musical Postlude**

*St. James United Church Life and Work, October 14, 2018*

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

\* **to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Dr. Betty Brett from Brenda Kelleher-Flight & Clyde Flight;

\***to the Music Fund** in loving memory of Jonathan Richards from the St. James Senior Choir.

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

Givings for: September 23: \$4,443

September 30: \$4,745

October 7: \$3,695

**The Worship and Sacraments Committee** is pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Dalziel as Associate Music Director. Amy is an accomplished musician on both piano and organ. The focus of this position is to enhance and further develop the Music Program at St. James. Amy will be working with all current music directors and music groups as well as seeking new ways to involve the congregation and

community in our ministry of music. Feel free to connect with her (in person or through the church office) if you have any suggestions or ideas you would like her to explore or feel would be beneficial to the program. Welcome back Amy!

**Tomorrow, Monday, October 15: \*Loose Threads Sewing Studio, 3-6pm**

**\*The Yarn Gatherers at 7pm.** Feel free to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Bring along your knitting, crocheting or any project you are working on.

**Tuesday, October 16:** Drop-in Chi Gong at 11am in the Fellowship Room for \$5.

**Thursday, October 17:** Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

**Friday, October 19:** AOTS Fish Dinner is this Friday at 6pm. There may be some tickets that will come available. Contact person is Aubrey Hill 726-8306. We thank you for your support.

**Saturday, October 20: \*Tech Time,** 10 am-noon in the Fellowship Room. Would you like help in navigating your electronic device? Our experts can help.

**\*Congregational board game night, 6:30-8:30pm** in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! There will be coffee, tea, snacks and board games for everyone to enjoy!

**Our UCW Fall Sale** is on Saturday, November 3 this year at 9:45am. If you would like to contribute crafts, baking, etc, to the sale, please contact a UCW member. Our grab bags are very popular; if you would like to donate some small new items, we need them asap as they need to be sorted and bagged. Tickets are \$7 from any UCW member. We'd love to see you there!

**Book Group:** Join us for a monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain. The first gathering will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm to allow time for you to find the book and start reading!

**St. James Anniversary Weekend: \*Saturday, November 17,** Dinner at 6 for 6:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase from SuAn at \$25 per ticket.

**\*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.

**\*The Anniversary Committee** is looking for photos of the beginnings of St. James at Macpherson. Please contact the office if you have any.

**\*A copy of the 2019 Anniversary calendar** is outside the office. To pre-order a calendar (\$20 each), please add your name to the list on the office door, or contact Jennifer Adams, 237-7011 or [jadams@nl.rogers.com](mailto:jadams@nl.rogers.com)

**Next Sunday, October 21 at Cowan Heights UC at 7pm:** The United Community of Faith Church Service, with the United Churches from St. John's and surrounding area participating and proceeds from this service donated to Bridges to Hope.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S, together with our emergency response for Typhoon Haiyan, support the agricultural programs of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP). The Visayas region in Central Philippines was hard hit by Haiyan: 95% of all fruit trees were uprooted, livestock killed

and crops destroyed. Also destroyed were many families' hopes for feeding their families and making a living. As part of the recovery process, M&S partner, the UCCP, is working with agricultural communities to restore livelihoods. Working with communities, UCCP developed a plan that identified the most appropriate livestock to distribute to local families. Basic veterinary skills and training to help farmers ensure the health of the animals they receive and solar lighting kits are distributed to communities. The plan is also helping farmers plant and harvest aerobic rice, which uses less water and requires less labour than traditionally grown rice. The seed can be saved from year to year, and a growing season can have 2 harvests. Our emergency response provided a robust short-term response to start the rehabilitation. Through M&S, our ongoing support ensures that these programs grow and develop to create resilient, sustainable farming communities in the Philippines.

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