

## St. James United Church

November 11, 2018/Remembrance Sunday: At the Going Down of the Sun

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Music:	Sight Restored
Usher in Charge:	Barry Cutler
Greeters and Ushers:	Cator & Jean Brown, Sandra Thistle, Bill & Cindy Pike, Linda Babstock

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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.

**Organ Prelude:** *Nimrod* (Elgar)

**Gathering:** *Highway of Heroes* (The Trews)      Sight Restored

**Call to Remembrance**

**Ode to Newfoundland:**

*When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills,  
And Summer spreads her hand;  
When silvern voices tune thy rills, we love thee smiling land.  
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee smiling land.*

*As loved our fathers, so we love. Where once they stood, we stand.  
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above,  
God guard thee Newfoundland.  
God guard thee, God guard thee, God guard thee Newfoundland.*

**In Memory**

**The Act of Remembrance:** (responsive)

One: We will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

**Anthem:** *O Canada*

**Tolling of the sunset bell**

**Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: After the wreaths have been laid down at the cenotaph,

**All: after the poppies have been taken off the lapels,**

One: after the 'Last Post' has been played and the band has marched off,

**All: we gather in search of a new way.**

One: We gather on this Remembrance Day at the going down of the sun,

**All: war-weary and longing for a sign of peace.**

One: It starts here, it starts now, again,

**All: with each thought in our head, each prayer in our heart,**

One: With each choice we make, each action we take.

**All: Let us seek to open up to Divine Love, for then we can open up to the possibility of peace.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) God, we know You take no joy in death. We know You take no joy in our wars, in our battles, in our conflicts. We know that Your tears are for all Your children, of every land and race, of every time and place. We know that what You want for all creation is life-abundant. And so we ask for wisdom. We ask for guidance. We ask for peace. We ask for love and grace to surround this creation now, and forever. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Honour the Dead* (Shirley Erena Murray) (tune: Here, O My Lord #459)

*Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,  
honour our children left in foreign grave,  
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,  
honour the crosses marked forever ours.*

*Weep for the places ravaged by our blood,  
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,  
weep for the powers of violence and of greed,  
weep for deals done in the name of need.*

*Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,  
answered no bugle, went against the wall,  
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,  
branded as cowards, in our country's name.*

*Weep for the waste of all that might have been,  
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,  
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,  
weep that we ever sanction war again.*

*Honour the dream for which our nation bled,  
held now in trust to justify the dead,  
honour their vision on this solemn day:  
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.*

**Offertory Invitation:** Loose offerings to be donated to Veterans Canada.

**Offering:** *Where Have All the Flowers Gone* (Seeger) Sight Restored



*O God of peace, You bless us all, both friend and foe alike.  
Help us to bless both weak and strong, and all whom we dislike.  
Then Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Jews and all who share love's call  
Shall sing one joyful, peaceful song, Salaam, Shalom for all!*

## **Commissioning**

### **Sung Benediction:** (together)

*Let There Be Peace on Earth* (Jill & Sy Miller)

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our parent, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment and live each moment  
with peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

## **Musical Postlude**

*St. James United Church Life and Work, November 11, 2018*

### **We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**\*to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of husband Charlie Parsons from Annie;

**\*to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Betty Brett from Muriel Baker.

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

Givings for:	October 21:	\$2,884
	October 28:	\$3,689
	November 4:	\$5,671

**At the last council meeting,** a plan was discussed to set up an Interim Lay Visitation Program to provide visitation to congregational members while the replacement of the Minister of Visitation is considered. Rev. Brian will continue his usual visitation to those who make a request, but will also provide training and support for lay people signed up to the Visitation Program. Ideally, the program would complement visitation carried out by the UCW and AOTS. Please contact SuAn (722-1881, ext. 200) if you are ready and willing to participate in this effort. Note that a congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position will be held before the end of the year.

**We are currently seeking** a volunteer to serve on the Pastoral Care Committee at Pleasant View Towers. This should not be a very demanding job as the committee only meets approximately four times per

year. Please leave your name and contact information with SuAn, and we will follow up to answer any questions you might have.

**Tomorrow, Monday, November 12:** The church office is closed and *Loose Threads Sewing Studio* cancelled.

7-9pm: Writer's Circle in the Fellowship Room;

7:30pm: UCW monthly meeting. Members, please bring your money (\$17) for the Christmas dinner.

**Tuesday, November 13 at 2pm:** Pleasant View Towers Worship Service conducted by members of the men's club. Volunteers please meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

**Important notice for volunteers:** When residents are taken from their floor to go to the Chapel, they now need a floor identification tag, available from the floor nursing station. Residents are not to be taken off the floor without this tag!

**Tuesday, November 13:**

\*5:15pm: The Diversity Committee's next meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any questions, please email Katie Vardy at [katelyn\\_1997@hotmail.com](mailto:katelyn_1997@hotmail.com)

\*7pm: Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain begins.

**Wednesday, November 14:** Our new Friendship Group meets at 1pm.

**Thursday, November 15:**

\*St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Bonaventure Place, at 2pm;

\*Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

**Saturday, November 17:** Anniversary dinner at 6 for 6:30pm.

**Next Sunday, November 18:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at 11am with guest Minister Rev. Ralph Taylor, 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. Due to the anticipated numbers, we are seeking congregational support with food.

**St. James 2019 Anniversary calendar** is available for purchase during the week from the office at \$20 per copy.

**Anniversary Hymn Sing** on Friday, November 23 at 7pm to celebrate its 60th Anniversary Admission: pay what you can.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support Indigenous groups in the Philippines. The Lumad are Indigenous peoples in the southern Philippines. M&S has partnered with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), collaborating with the Lumad people in establishing their own schools. These people have faced intense persecution from the Philippine military, including displacement and extrajudicial killings. Lumad schools have been used as temporary military camps, shelters and weapons storage. Traditional Lumad territory is rich in natural resources; encroachment on their land has contributed to their displacement. The Lumad peoples continue to support schools through the Save Our Schools Network (SOS) which works with others like UCCP to support a non-discriminatory, culturally sensitive approach to education. There are currently 205 Lumad community schools providing

some 6,000 children with free high quality education. More are needed as other communities require classrooms and support for operating costs , including teachers. M&S supports schools that help lift people and communities out of poverty and build leadership for the future of the Lumad peoples.

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