

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of  
**Harold Price**  
(April 5, 1929 ~ January 21, 2017)  
Lovingly remembered by wife Lillian, daughter Gail (Walter)  
and grand-daughters Leah and Katie.

## St. James United Church

January 20, 2019/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Guest Speaker:	Rebecca Pike
Organist/Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Usher in Charge:	Michelle Skinner
Greeters/Ushers:	Wayne Skinner, Sabrina Pilgrim, Willow and Gracie Pilgrim

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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 COMMUNITY CANDLE

**CHOIR INTROIT:** *We Are One*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God has brought us to this place.

**All: God has called us to join with others in ministry.**

One: God has brought us here to listen for the call to serve.

**All: God calls us to feed those who are hungry, clothe those naked, and visit those imprisoned.**

One: Let us pray for guidance as we undertake this mission.

**All: We worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) God of Light and Love, by whose Word all life was created, we are here this morning as part of Your holy creation. Assure us, we pray, that Your love is indeed sufficient for all. We hear Your words spoken to the shepherds so long ago, "*Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*" May those words echo in our hearts as we worship today. Amen.

**HYMN:** *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* 395

**CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**HYMN:** *Jesus, United by Your Grace* 591

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SONG:** *Spirit, Open My Heart* (chorus) 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) Loving God, take what we offer this morning as a sign of our readiness to serve You. Bless us in our eagerness to answer Your call into the world. Bless us in our perseverance as we serve. Bless us in our faithfulness as we seek Your face in others. Bless us as we live the gospel of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** *Number One* by Kirby Shaw Choir

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11 Rebecca Pike

**MEDITATION** Rebecca Pike

**HYMN:** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 509

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *We Have This Ministry* 510

**COMMISSIONING:** Let us go into the world, not as people who compete, but as people who exercise our faith. Let us go to share the new life Jesus proclaims, that margins may be abolished and that grace may abound. Let us go into the divisions of the world united in mind, body, and spirit, so that we may be one with each other in God.

**BENEDICTION**

*(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)*

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support the work of LGBTQ, Two-Spirit justice and global partnership. This story comes from the Lake Couchiching, on the territory of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. In June 2017, some 40 LGBTQ people, Two-Spirit people and straight and cisgender allies gathered from 11 countries to support one another and work toward the inclusion of people of all orientations and gender identities in all parts of the world. Two –Spirit participants provided leadership, guiding the group in lighting the sacred fire, leading sunrise ceremonies, a Talking Circle and evening gatherings and sharing teachings about Two- Spirit identities. Participants were cared for by the sacred fire and the fire keepers, receiving a gift beyond compare. They also learned about the role that colonialism plays in the oppression of LGBTQ Two- Spirit people. During its conclusion, it was noted that against deep odds, participants heard that changes are happening all over, step by step, life by life. We give thanks for the gifts of Two-Spirit people, the work of our global partners and the ministry of Affirm United.

### *St. James United Church Life and Work, January 20, 2019*

**We offer our condolences to** Mary & Peter Hood on the passing of Mary's brother Andrew Forward 'Ford' Ball on December 29, 2018 at Charlottetown, PEI.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of husband Bas Jamieson, mother Mildred Blackwood, Sister Ida Dowden and brother Walter Blackwood Jr. from Lorna Jamieson.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in memory of Bethany's birthday from Fred & Pam Earle.

**A big thank you** to all who are responding to our plea to keep our Auditorium, Fellowship Room and Youth Church floors salt free. Keep up the good work!

**Please join us for Coffee Hour**, hosted by our Administration & Communications and Stewardship committees, in the Auditorium after the 11am Service today.

**This afternoon, celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity** at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's Worship Service, 3pm here at St. James. Rev. Faith March-MacCuish will be speaking on the theme, "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue*" (Deut. 16:20). The offering this year will support L'Arche Avalon.

**This evening: Youth Groups, 7-9pm**

**Tomorrow, Monday, January 21:**

**\*Sewing Studio**, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome.

**\*Women's Yarn Gatherers** at 7:30pm. Come for a yarn and/or bring your yarn and needles.

**Tuesday, January: Postponed from last week; Book Group** monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClaren in the Youth Room at 7pm.

**Wednesday, January 23:**

**\*Friendship Group** meets, starting with lunch at 1pm.

**\*7:30pm: You are invited** by the members of our CE Committee to experience a trial run of a

creative, midweek worship they would like to offer to the wider community during Lent. This will take place in the Fellowship Room, 7:30-8:30pm. All ages are welcome! Help us develop and refine this new program!

**Thursday, January 24: Not a Bible Study, 'Painting the Stars,' at 7:30pm.**

**Saturday, January 26: Ukelele (new!) Weekly, 1:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Room.**

**The church office** will be closed the last week in January (28-31). If you have any announcements/donations for the February 3 bulletin, please submit them this coming week.

**A Lay Visitation program** is being developed as part of our Outreach to members of our Congregation. A number have volunteered to be part of this initiative, and we welcome any others who would like to participate. Rev. Brian will hold an orientation session in the Fellowship Room on Thursday, Jan 31 from 1:30- 3:30pm for all interested participants. Please call the church office and leave a message if you plan to attend.

**Help needed:** St. James is again hosting The Kiwanis Festival this year. We are looking for a custodian, (paid position) to be on site for some of the 3 –hour sessions, morning, afternoon and/or evening. Dates include Monday - Friday, February 18-22, and Monday - Thursday, February 25-28. Please contact SuAn if this interests you: 722-1881, ext. 200 or [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**Tuesday, February 5: Chi Gong 2019 at St. James:** An 8 week program, every Tuesday morning, 11am-noon, February 5 - March 26, led by Dr. Yajing Song, Ph. D. in Chinese Medicine. Dr. Song has been practicing in St. John's since 1994. She also has taught Tai Chi for more than ten years and Chi Gong privately.

This first class is a drop-in for \$5. After that, please register for the following 7 for \$70. For more information and/or to register, please contact SuAn, 722-1881, ext. 200. If driving, please park for free in the first line nearest to Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket. Chi Gong is one kind of traditional Chinese medicine practiced worldwide for relaxation, preventive medicine and self-healing. *Chi gong* literally means *Life Energy Cultivation*. The practice typically involves moving meditation, coordinating slow flowing movement, deep rhythmic breathing, and calm meditative state of mind. It is suitable for all ages.

**Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser:** Friday, February 15. Mark your calendars!

Our *Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun* fundraiser event last year was such a huge success, we're doing it again! Concert, dessert party, wine table and silent auction! The Fundraiser Organising Committee was blown away by your contributions! We are asking for your help again! *If you can volunteer your time, talents (musical, baking, decorating, cold-calling), and/or donate new or hardly used quality items, gift cards or desserts*, please notify the office at 722-1881, ext. 200, or Robin at 754-5409, 682-3927 or [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com)

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