

# St. James United Church

February 17, 2019/6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany/Profession of Faith

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Band:	Sight Restored
Usher in Charge:	Kim Mayo
Greeters/Ushers:	Gerry Mayo, Katelyn Mayo, Sabrina, Willow and Gracie Pilgrim Gloria Le Feuvre

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

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** We light this candle to remind us that the light of Christ will be with us, the light of Christ will guide us, and the light of Christ will be present along our journey. Amen.

**BAND INTROIT:** *Spirit of Life*

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God's people have gathered for worship and God is with us.

**All: Strangers and friends, familiar and new, yet one in God's love, and God is with us.**

One: No matter where we've come from or where we're going, God is with us.

**All: We worship in gratitude and hope.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) We praise You, O God, for Your constant love and we confess that our faithfulness is not always so constant. We come seeking to learn from You so that our lives might reflect Your peace, Your joy, Your justice, and Your mercy. Accept, O God, our grateful praise, and heal our longing hearts for the sake of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

**HYMN:** *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV30

## CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**HYMN:** *Like a Healing Stream* MV144

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

**OFFERING:** *Who Am I?*

Sight Restored

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *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) Many hands worked to offer these gifts, and many hands are offered for Your work. Let our hands be Christ's hands inviting, sharing, teaching, and comforting. Amen.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBER:** Paul Walsh

### Congregational Commitment

One: Dear Friends in Christ, let us pledge to Paul Walsh our support and care,

**All: As your brothers and sisters in Christ we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

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**BAND SELECTION:** *Canticle of the Sun*

**SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 17: 5-10  
Luke 6: 17-26

**MEDITATION:** "What is Discipleship?"

**HYMN:**

*Blest Are They*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN:** *I Shall Not Be Moved*

*Glory Hallelujah, I shall not be moved.*

*Anchored in Jehovah, I shall not be moved.*

*Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.*

*Chorus:*

*I shall not be, I shall not be moved.*

*I shall not be, I shall not be moved.*

*Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.*

*In his love abiding, I shall not be moved,  
and in him confiding, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.*

*Though the tempest rages, I shall not be moved.  
On the Rock of Ages, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.*

**COMMISSIONING:** Go in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in the grace of Christ. Go to live out the mind-opening, heart-warming, life-giving Good News that God so loves the world.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:** *As We Go Now*

St. James United Church Life and Work, February 17, 2019

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**to the General Fund in loving memory of Muriel Baker from:**

- Phil Saunders
- Maxine Ivory
- Tom & Maxine Rose
- Jack & Florence Head
- Annie Parsons
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- Marion Davis

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- Herman & Mary Avery
- Beverly Taylor
- Dave & Brenda Pike
- Jack & Barb Taylor
- Ralph & Ethel Hiscock

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**Financial Update:** To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: January 20: \$2,977

February 3: \$2,878

February 10: \$3,704

**Today: \*Please join us for Coffee Hour,** hosted by the Senior Choir, today after the 11am Worship Service.

**\*Last call for Confirmation, 2019:** Calling all interested youth, grade 7 and up, as well as interested adults, for the 2019 confirmation program, please contact Susan at 722-1881 ext 204, or [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**\*Youth Group, 7-9pm,** this week in the Auditorium.

**We Value Your Membership at St. James!** *"If you would like to become a full member of St. James Congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you! Are you unsure of your current status with the church? I can help you, and would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a Full Member of our Congregation. Please contact me: Susan Pike 576-0703 or by email [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)"*

**Tomorrow, Monday, February 18:**

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

**\*The St. James Guitar Group** play at Karwood Retirement Retreat at 2pm.

**\*Women's Yarn Gatherers at 7:30pm.** Come for a yarn and/or bring your yarn and needles. Non-denominational women's meeting on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome to come and share an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a friend!

**Tuesday, February 19: Book Group** (every 2 weeks) cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren in the Youth Room at 7pm-9.

**Thursday, February 21: Not a Bible Study,** *'Painting the Stars,'* at 7:30pm.

**Saturday, February 23: Time change for Ukelele** in the Youth Room at 12:30pm.

**World day of Prayer:** This annual ecumenical service will be held on Friday, March 1st at 7pm in St. Mary's Church on Craigmiller Avenue. The program for 2019 was developed by the women of Slovenia. Two representatives from St. James are participating in the service. Everyone is welcome!

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of Iridesce: The Living Apology Project. This project was created to encourage storytelling around the 1988 decisions to welcome gay, lesbian and bisexual people into full membership and ministry in the United Church - a welcome that was expanded to include people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in 2009. Iridesce has brought stories of challenge, conflict and lament to light. For many, the decision was a celebration, and continues to empower communities to draw the circle wide and wider still. Dani shared, "I am a trans non-binary person... I wasn't expecting to be so openly accepted, and it fills my heart to know that I can love God and be proud of my gender identity." Morgan, who grew up in the post 1988 church, wrote, "It is my hope that the church will not simply take for granted its policy... that we will recognize how far we are from embodying that policy and how much farther we are from assimilating it into the earth-shattering welcome of the people of God." We give thanks for the gifts of Iridesce: The Living Apology Project.

**This afternoon, 3-4pm: Growing the Voices – Festival 500: Hymns For All Hands** at Gower Street United Church. They will be singing a dozen or more popular hymns together, led by Dr. Doug Dunsmore. The event is free to everyone, all ages are welcome and no singing experience is required.

**Cowan Heights United Church is hosting a Moose/Beef Stew on Saturday, February 23 at 6pm. Tickets are \$15/person from Cindy at 745-2871.**

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