# St. James United Church

February 3, 2019 / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Minister: Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

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Choir Director: Doreen Brown
Choir: Youth / UCW
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Greeters/Ushers: Gerry, Kim, Laura, and Katelyn Mayo, Jean

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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**

**One:** 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.

Introit: Holy Spirit Hear Us

## **Call To Worship:**

One: In the homes, let labour cease.

All: We come to worship God.

One: In the streets, let there be peace.

All: We come to worship God.
One: In the church, let music ring.
All: We come to worship God.
One: In each heart, let praises sing.
All: We have come to worship God.

## **Opening Prayer**: (together)

God, be with us in our being and in our doing, in our praying and in our singing, in our silence and in our noise, in our words and in our actions. Be with us in this time together and in all the days to come. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn:** Come O Fount of Every Blessing 559

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

Hymn: Come Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love 574

**Solo:** Verdi prati (Gina Gibbons)

**Offertory Invitation** 

Offering

Offertory Song: Your Work O God Needs Many Hands 537

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)**

Here, O God, are the concrete signs of our discipleship. May you bless us in our giving, in our response to your Spirit's call, in our reaching out through Christ's heart to the world. Amen.

**Anthem:** One World (Youth)

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

**Meditation:** 'Worthy of Part Two'

Musical Gospel Moment: Have Thine Own Way Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power, all power, surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

# Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: Walk With Me 649

## **Commissioning:**

Let us go from this service knowing that we are blessed: blessed with a love that knows no bounds; blessed with a community that welcomes all people; blessed with a quest and passion for justice for all God's people and for God's creation. Bursting with blessing, we go now to be a blessing to others.

## **Benediction followed by Musical Postlude**

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

# St. James United Church Life and Work, February 3, 2019

**Required immediately**: a relief custodian at St. James for the period February 2-12. Would be required on site approximately 10 - 12 hours per week. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office at 722-1881 ext 200 for further information.

**Soup Lunch:** Today following worship there will be a soup lunch hosted by our Youth Ministries. Cost: a donation to our programs.

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

contributions.)

Givings for: January 13: \$3,545

January 20: \$2,977 January 27: \$3,548

This evening: Youth Groups, 7-9pm

Tomorrow, Monday, February 4: Sewing Studio, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome.

**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. This first class is a drop-in for \$5. After that, please register for the following 7 for \$70. If driving, please park for free in the first line nearest to Elizabeth Avenue. We also have a Cross & Bean Book Group that meet from 7-9 in the Youth Room.

#### Thursday, February 7:

\*The St. James Guitar Group will play at Kenny's Pond at 7pm.

Saturday, February 9: Ukelele (new!) Weekly, 1:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Room.

**Tuesday, February 12 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!

Help needed, second week of Kiwanis Music Festival: We are looking for a custodian, (paid position) to be on site for some of the 3 –hour sessions, morning, afternoon and/or evening for Monday - Thursday, February 25-28. Please contact SuAn if this interests you: 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org 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

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S offer hope for those taking chances on alternative forms of farming in areas of severe drought, such as the work of the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK)with the National Drought Management Authority. The council advises the agency of the needs in drought-stricken areas. The NCCK has a number of farms that have had success with conservation farming which uses mulch to keep the ground moist. This success gives farmers hope that they can feed their families and communities regardless of the weather. Many of the farmers are women who have been empowered to take over running the farm from their husbands. We are thankful that M&S, in partnership with the NCCK, offers hope with severe drought and empowers women. Loving our neighbours is at the heart of our M&S.

**CPR Training for AED Machine:** We will be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for CPR/AED here at St. James on Saturday, February 16th @ 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James can you please contact Susan Pike by email susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 576-0703 before Wednesday, February 13th to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is provided by The Heart and Stroke Foundation. A personal kit can be purchased for \$45.00.

**Wednesday, February 6:** 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!

**Confirmation:** Calling all youth grade 7 and up for the 2019 confirmation program. If you are interested please contact Susan at 722-1881 ext 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org by February 17th. Any adults, over 18, wishing to do confirmation please contact Susan as above.

Water on our planet is presently in crisis, and this is becoming more serious each day as a result of Climate Change, and corporate use and abuse of water for profit. Please join us at the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road, on Wednesday, February 6, 2:pm – 4:00 pm as we seek to do our part in a pre-Lenten reflection and action session for the care and protection of our Human Right to water, God's gift to us for the sustainability of all life. It is very important to pre-register by Monday, February 4. You may register by phone 722-0082 or email mcej@live.com

<sup>\*</sup>Not a Bible Study, 'Painting the Stars,' at 7:30pm.

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

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