

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of daughter
Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.
from mom, dad and family.
(March 3, 1959 – April 19, 2013)

it is also dedicated in loving memory of
parents *Christine & Noel Halfyard*
from son Keith and daughter Margaret.

St. James United Church

April 21, 2019/Easter Sunday /Communion

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist/Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Usher in Charge:	Jean Thompson
Greeters:	Bruce & Edna Hunt
Ushers:	Gerry Mayo, Mary Daya, Linda Babstock, Oliver Wellon, Marilyn Adams

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLE:

One: We are here on this Easter morning, surrounded by the promises of the faith, and alive to opportunities yet to be experienced.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

INTROIT: *This Is The Day*

Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Joy is in the air! Christ is risen!

All: We will not find Jesus in the tomb. He is risen!

One: Where shall we look? How will we recognize the risen Christ?

**All: Look to your neighbours and the strangers on the street.
There, we will find the risen Christ.**

One: Alleluia! On this glorious Easter morning we proclaim:

All: Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER: (together) In this world, where the turn of the globe seems to bring new stories of destruction and death, open our hearts to life, O Christ. Open our senses to the beauty of birdsong, to the hope in a smile, to the wonder of a gentle touch. Open our hearts that we might know Your love resurrected in our love, every moment, every day. May it always be so. Amen.

HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 155

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Thine Is the Glory* 173

OFFERTORY INVITATION: On this Easter Sunday, we remember all that God has done for us, giving us the gift of life, raising Jesus from the dead, and giving us new life in Him. What we give back to God is only a token of what we really owe: our hearts, our minds, our lives. Let us present our offering.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY CHORUS: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Gracious God, we return to You a portion of Your blessings to us, knowing that You hold our future in Your hands. May these gifts and givers be signs of Your blessing in our world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM: *The Garden Hymn* Choir

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10: 34-43
John 20: 1-18

MEDITATION: "The Power of Hope in the Risen Christ."

INVITATION TO CONFESSION: God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together) Gracious God, in the twilight just before dawn, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. So also, do we seek life in shadowed places, within us and in our world. Help us to see miracles where now we see only loss. Let us find the living Christ within our hearts and within the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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HYMN: *Here, O My Lord, I see You Face to Face* 459

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please see projected liturgy.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (together) Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by Your love; we are strengthened by Your life. We are sent forth into this world to live Your way and share Your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* 468

SENDING FORTH: Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as He has loved us.

BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support work with parents and children on the autism spectrum, like Footprints 4 Autism. With programs located in Pickering and Whitby, Ont., Footprints strives to provide respite care to as many as possible. Having a child diagnosed with autism can be one of the most stressful situations a parent faces. Both the child and parent must learn together how to identify, prepare for and manage the variety of behaviours that make up the autism spectrum. These might include impaired cognition and communication, social deficits, frequent tantrums, and other challenging behaviours that often lead to physical and emotional exhaustion for all involved. Faced with such overwhelming stress and barriers, many parents of children with autism find themselves unable to cope. Respite care can help ease some of the burden on these families ensuring that, for a few hours each month, they can enjoy a short but much-needed break from the 24/7 care these children require. The respite also allows parents to pay extra attention to their other children, spend some time together, run errands, or just have some down time. Many children affected by autism spend several hours a week in therapy classes and often do not have a lot of time for social play and to just be. Under the guidance of trained volunteers who are supervised by a trained program consultant, Footprints offers participants social interaction with others in a

safe and happy environment. Your gifts to Mission & Service make respite care for parents and recreational play for children on the autism spectrum possible.

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 21, 2019

"The UCW wish to express our sincere appreciation to the congregation for their generous donations of goods and monetary gifts to our Spring Sale and Afternoon Tea. The sale was a tremendous success. Thank you for continued support. Gratitude and blessings!"

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of:

- * a dear husband, Alan A. Andrews Sr., and my precious son, Alan A. Andrews Jr. from wife and mother Yvonne Andrews;
- * Carl & Doreen Babstock from Bonnie, Carol Ann & Craig and families;
- * Kimberly Lynne Lewis from Bonnie, Carol Ann & Craig and families.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of:

- * parents Capt. William & Susan Moss and Clarence & Margaret Beckett from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett;
- * Aunt and Uncle Bessie & Chester Prince from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett;
- * Don Marshall from his wife Vera and family;
- * mother & father Ross & Gertie Blackwood and brother Blaine from Sharon, Michelle and families;
- * parents Edison & Cassandra Butt and Clyde & Gladys Heath, and brother John Heath from Sam & Brenda Butt;

to Project Grace in loving memory of:

- * Joanne Hapgood, B.N., R.N. from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike;
- * daughter Joanne Hapgood, B.N., R.N. from mom, dad and family.

to the General Fund in loving memory of:

- * father Gilbert Hiscock, brother Gil Jr., and sister Lona from Patsy Hiscock;
- * Maxine Ivory from Jane & Kevin Aucoin;
- * Shelley from Jeanette & Dawson Stuckless.

to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Clarence & Sylvia Martin from Robert & Minnie Gullage.

to St. James' Music Ministry in loving memory of our little boy, Joshua Colbourne, whose birthday was April 21st, from Rev. Brian & Gail Colbourne.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: March 31:	\$3,685
April 7:	\$3,565
April 14:	\$3,983

The Church office is closed tomorrow, Monday, but Hymn Sing choices are accepted all week; deadline is next Sunday.

The AOTS thanks all those who have bought tickets for their Fish Dinner next Friday, April 26 at 6pm, and look forward to seeing you all then.

Please see the notice board by the Annex door for:

*this week's Minute for Mission; *Project Grace's spring update.

Message from Canadian Blood Services: *"Your blood donation matters - It matters to every patient across Canada. 7 Wicklow Street, Tuesday & Wednesday 3-7pm, Thursday 9am- 3pm, Friday 9am - 1pm, Saturday 10am - 2pm."*

Looking ahead to Mother's Day:

**Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat*, Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11
Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificate for Mother's Day available, as well as all information, from St. James office; deadline May 1.

***Project Grace** is offering Swarovski Crystal Starfish Necklaces at \$35 each, to support the After School Music Program for children. Order online at www.projectgrace.ca or use the paper order form on the bulletin board outside our church office.

Rise & Shine Pansy Bowl Fundraiser

Name: _____ Quantity (\$15 per bowl): _____

Phone # or email: _____

Deadline is May 1.

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