

St. James United Church

April 14, 2019/Palm Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Band:	Sight Restored
Usher in Charge:	Jean Thompson
Greeters and 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: Today we light the Christ candle as we continue to look ahead through the shadowed days of a Lenten journey, and the anticipation of the joyous hallelujahs of Easter morning.

BAND INTROIT: *Hosanna*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: This morning we join our voices with disciples of Jesus around the world and throughout the ages who sing:

All: *“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!”*

One: Let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) See us with our palm branches, Holy One, our banners held high to welcome the Lord. Lead us through this day of joy, this week of drama, this season of highs and lows. We remember all Your goodness. Now we pray for the Spirit of worship, the Spirit of community, the Spirit of life. May we keep this feeling of oneness with Christ in all times and seasons. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: *This is the Day*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

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OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING: *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord* Band

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) Receive our gifts O God, as You receive our hosannas and praise. Bless both what is given and those who give. Bless most deeply of all those whose lives will be touched by what we offer here. Amen.

BAND SELECTION: *Blessed Be Your Name*

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 11: 1-11

HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 123

MEDITATION: "The Unexpected Reality."

HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Waiting* 117

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Palm Sunday (Tune: Kingsfold)*

*The day of palms is come again, day of triumphant praise,
when crowds excited ran to sing the song the psalmist raised.
'Blessed the one who comes,' they cry, 'to set his people free.'
Gladly we join our song with theirs who yearn for liberty.*

*How soon the gladness disappears and darkness stalks the streets!
The king who rides a donkey's foal with coats beneath its feet
will soon a crown of thorns endure, a throne of rough-hewn wood.
A day of agony draws near when evil strikes at good.*

*'Hosanna!' turns to 'Crucify!' rejoicing turns to scorn.
If this were all there were to tell, how deeply we should mourn.
Yet death is not the final step that Christ our Saviour trod.
Onward He marches, leading home the world He won for God.
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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: And now may the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and to you, and may the strength of God protect you and bring you safely through this day and all days. And may your fears flee with the strength of our gathered faith. Amen.

BENEDICTION FOLLOWED BY MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support food, health, and wellness programs at ministries like St. Paul's Family Resource Centre in Halifax, N.S., where there is a long history of helping those who need support. After the War of 1812, there were soup kitchens in downtown Halifax. Samuel Cunard, who founded the Cunard Steamship Co., worked at that soup kitchen. He and his wife, Susan, donated food and served it to the hungry. This is a long way from modern food banks, although the need for food is still as great as it was back in the 19th century. The Family Resource Centre, an outreach ministry of St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield, NS, offers more services than a food bank: clients can sit at the Food Bank Café and have coffee and a snack while waiting to pick up their order, rather than waiting out in the cold or rain. It also offers a volunteer income tax service to those with limited income and Legal Aid is often on hand to address concerns individuals may have. The Food, Fitness & Fun class is always being fine-tuned, nursing students are on hand to offer advice on health and nutrition. We are thankful for the many ways St. Paul's Family Resource Centre offers a place of welcome and support to those who come through its doors.

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 14, 2019

The Ivory family wishes to thank the UCW ladies, the AOTS men and Rev. Brian Colbourne for all of their support in making Maxine Ivory's sudden death easier to bear. Thank you all.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the General Fund:

in loving memory of Maxine Ivory from her sister, Ann Luscombe;
in loving memory of Maxine Ivory from Ray & Elizabeth Tucker;
in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim from Cator Brown and family.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the UCW in loving memory of Jean Brown from Cator and family.

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 24:	\$3,696
	March 31:	\$3,685
	April 7:	\$3,565

Holy Week United Church Services

Monday, April 15th at 7:30 pm: Wesley Street United Church.
Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm: Cochrane Street United Church.
Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm: Cowan Heights United Church.

Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 pm: Gower Street United Church.
Good Friday, April 19 at 12 noon: George Street United Church.

Monday, April 15: Last day for sponsoring a butterfly for Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the new life of the risen Christ by filling our Sanctuary with butterflies! You are invited to join us by sponsoring a butterfly to hang in our Sanctuary for the Easter season; the proceeds received will be put toward the ongoing work of our St. James Church community. Help us to create our Easter Butterfly Sanctuary.

<u>Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly</u>	
Name of person donating: _____	Amount: _____
In Celebration of: _____	
Env #: _____	Address if no Env. #: _____

Tuesday, April 16 at noon: A Presentation of Organ and Choral Music for Holy Week featuring Amy Dalziel, organist, and the AOTS and UCW choirs under the direction of Doreen Brown. Entrance: Freewill offering.

Wednesday April 17: Communion at 12:15, followed by brown bag lunch.

***The regular monthly dinner meeting of the men's club** will be held at 5:00 for 5:30. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Aaron McKim, Provincial coordinator, Medical Assistance in Dying, NL. Other members of the congregation interested in hearing Dr. McKim's presentation are welcome to join us in the auditorium at 6:15 that evening. Please indicate your plan to attend by leaving your name at the church office or with one of the club members. **The AOTS Fish Dinner** is scheduled for Friday, April 26 at 6pm. Ticket price is \$20, available from any member of the men's club or from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Thursday, April 18 at 7pm: Our annual showing of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and Communion in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Good Friday: *Neighbourhood Walk; meet at the church at 10am. *Evening Service at 7.

Saturday, April 20: *Tech Time, 10am – noon in the Chapel.

***Ukelele:** Last session in the Chapel at 1pm for 1:30 start.

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday: Youth Ministries' Easter Egg Breakfast at 9:45 in between the Contemporary Service at 9 and the Traditional Service at 11.

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

Project Grace is now selling Swarovski Crystal Starfish Necklaces to support the After School Music Program for children. Swarovski Crystal Starfish Charms come in Crystal Aurora Borealis or Royal Blue, on an 18" sterling silver chain, handmade by Carla Safrany. Each necklace is \$35.00 and can be ordered online at www.projectgrace.ca or using a paper order form available from the church bulletin board. They accept cash, cheque, credit card or e-transfer to projectgracenl@gmail.com One necklace provides an hour of musical instruction to children in our community - you can make an impact AND own a beautiful Swarovski Crystal Starfish! Thank you for supporting your community music program!

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