

St. James United Church

May 19, 2019/5th Sunday of Easter/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:	Menetha Dyke
Greeters:	Betty Pilgrim, Betty Winsor
Ushers:	Donna Downey, Shirley Downey, Joyce Hill, Rosemary White

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 this morning, surrounded by the promises of the faith and alive to opportunities yet to be experienced.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL INTROIT: *Surely the Presence*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God, our rock, we call out to You today. Guide us and lead us, O God.

All: We seek Your refuge. Let Your face shine on us, Your servants.

One: We seek Your refuge. Redeem us, faithful God.

All: You are, indeed, our rock and our fortress. We worship You.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Loving God, we gather together to celebrate Your gift of life and light given to us in Jesus, through whom we find Your forgiving, renewing grace. In this time of worship, we offer our prayer, song, and reflection to the glory of God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) We joyfully bring our gifts to You, Holy One. We ask Your blessings on these gifts. Give us joy in our hearts from the knowledge that our gifts will help not only us and our mission, but also the world around us. Continue to grow our generosity so that we may better serve You and Your world. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2: 2-10
John 14: 1-14

MEDITATION: A Living Stone

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) Holy One, sometimes the trials of our lives can seem too heavy a burden to bear. The slings and stones of the world hurt us deeply. Forgive us when we lash out at those who seek to wound our spirits. Forgive us when we forget to return hatred with love. Forgive us when we forget to forgive ourselves for our very human reactions. Help us to remember to take refuge in You, for You forgive our failings and redeem us in Your faithfulness. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A NEW CREED

918

HYMN: *As We Gather at Your Table*

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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.

CLOSING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

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SENDING FORTH: (together) Let us go out with joy awakened to the treasures within and around us, to bring transformation, challenge and hope to the world. And may the abundant blessings of God, Source, Saviour and Spirit, be ours today and always. Amen.

BLESSING

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

St. James United Church Life and Work, May 19, 2019

We offer our condolences to Helen Crummell, her family and friends, on the passing of Helen's beloved husband Eric on May 10. His funeral service took place from St. James last Tuesday, May 14.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the General Fund in loving memory of Eric Crummell from:

*Phil Saunders;

* St. James AOTS.

After the service today, please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by our Property, Ministry & Personnel and Finance Committees.

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: April 28:	\$3,309
	May 5:	\$3,023
	May 12:	\$3,688

Wanted: Special Project Implementer at St. James UC for an 8 week period during July and August. Funding for this is available to those who meet the following conditions: "1. be between 15-30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment; 2. be a Canadian citizen, permanent

resident or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; 3. is legally entitled to work in NL. International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.” Applicants must be: highly organized with attention to detail; able to efficiently plan, manage and complete several projects within the time frame; able to confidently interact with church staff, the congregation and the public. Proficiency in MS-Office is a must. Please submit your interest along with your resumé to St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Avenue, A1B 1T9 or info@stjamesuc.org by Sunday, June 9.

Monday, May 20: *The church office is closed;
*Sewing Studio cancelled – last session for the season will be on May 27.

Wednesday, May 22: Friendship Group’s closing lunch at 12: 30pm.

Next Saturday, May 25: ***United Communities of Faith Workshop**, 10am-12noon. David Armour, Executive Minister for Philanthropy and President of The United Church of Canada Foundation will be leading workshops for the any interested people on the Stewardship Toolkit, The UCC Foundation and Planned Giving. The workshops will take place at First United Church in Mount Pearl. All are welcome.

***Community Potluck and Games Night 6-9pm** in our Auditorium! All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!
***VOWR’s annual radiothon.** Volunteers from the station will be at the St. John's Farmer's Market to help promote the fundraiser. VOWR has provided many hours of music and the spoken word since the summer of 1924. It was a vision of Rev. J.G. Joyce to have the Sunday services of Wesley UC reach out to the people who couldn't attend. Today and for many years to come, we hope that VOWR Radio will continue with that vision. They look forward to your support next Saturday.

Next Sunday, May 26 at 7pm, there will be a joint service for the United Communities of Faith at Cochrane Street UC. Guest preacher is David Armour the Executive Minister, Philanthropy and President of the UCC Foundation. Coffee, tea and fellowship will follow the service. The offering from this service will be in support of Burry Heights Summer Camp.

Minute for Mission: From 2013 to 2015, Rachel Hearn was a camp counsellor at *Welcome Friends’ Rainbow Camp for LGBTQ Two-Spirit & Allied Youth ages 12 to 17.* It was a life-altering experience. Every August there existed a week-long place of sanctuary that said, *“We do see you; you are welcome here.”* That is exactly what Rainbow Camp is all about. *“Rainbow Camp is a place of radical resistance against the oppressive forces of heteronormativity and cis-normativity that exist across the world today,”* says Rachel. It is like other summer camps, but the learning is focused around sexual health, healthy relationships, understanding our identities and figuring out how to work around a society that is not designed to enable queer people to thrive. Even though there is no marching or petitions, the world is still changed for every camper who finds a friend or feels like themselves for the first time. *“At Rainbow Camp, we*

changed the world for young people by giving them the tools and skills they needed to flourish. If you create a space where people can be open about who they are and accept others doing the same, you will learn what it means to love and to trust."Rainbow Camp's ministry is made possible because of Mission & Service.

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