# This bulletin is dedicated in memory of Ronald Abbott, loving husband

From wife Nina, son Terry, daughter-in-law Debbie and grandsons Dylan & Jason.

Always in our hearts.

# St. James United Church

June 30, 2019/Memorial Day/Canada Day/Multiculturism Day

Minister: Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Organist: Paul Rodermond
Soloist: Glenda Winsor
Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon

Greeters: Peter & Shirley Barbour
Ushers: Alice Forsey, Jean Thompson,

Linda Babstock

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**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** We light this candle to remind us that the light of the eternal divine spirit is present in our midst; burning within each one of us and flowing around and among us calling us into Christian Community.

## ACKNOWLEDGING MEMORIAL DAY: Ode to Newfoundland

When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills, And summer spreads her hand,

When silvern voices tune thy rills, we love thee smiling land,

We love thee, we love thee, we love thee smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimmering white
At winter's stern command,
Through shortened day and starlight pight, we love thee from

Through shortened day and starlight night, we love thee frozen land, We love thee, we love thee frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore, And wild waves lash thy strand; Though spindrift swirl and tempest roar, We love thee windswept land, We love thee, we love thee, we love thee windswept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love: where once they stood we stand; Their prayer we raise to heaven above, God guard thee, Newfoundland, God guard thee, God guard thee, Newfoundland.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come into this circle of community. **All: We come into this sacred space.**One: Be not tentative. Bring your whole self!

All: We bring the joy that makes our hearts sing. One: Bring your kindness and your compassion.

All: We also bring our sorrow and our pain.

One: Bring your brokenness and your disappointments.

All: May we know the joy of wholeness and the joy of being together.

One: Let us worship together as a community of faith.

**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) May we be blessed as we gather to worship the Divine Nature we name, God. May we open our eyes, ears and hearts to hear again the stories of love passed down over the years by the people of God. May we be blessed, healed, and transformed as we remember, once again, that we are loved and called to be agents of divine grace in the world. Amen.

**HYMN:** Joyful, We Adore You 232

# CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**HYMN:** God Who Gives to Life its Goodness 260

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SONG:** We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O God, from Thee.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (together) Out of our generous love and mercy, we offer these gifts in faith: faith that they will be managed well by those who administer them, faith that our love and concern will accompany them, and faith that they will bring a rich blessing to the lives they reach. As people seeking to make a difference in the world, we pray. Amen.

SOLO: Sing You Home Glenda Winsor

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 13:8-10

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 71 789

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 25:31-45

**MEDITATION**: Love is a Verb

**HYMN:** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 560

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**HYMN:** God. As We Rise to Leave 417

**COMMISSIONING:** 

One: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

One: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

One: Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

All: We go to live with the assurance of Your love always with us, O God. Thanks

be to God!

#### O CANADA

## **BENEDICTION & MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

St. James United Church Life and Work, June 30, 2019

We offer our condolences to the Rev. Wendy Cronhelm, her family and friends, on the passing of her beloved husband, Dr. John Cronhelm MB, BCh, BAO, FRCP (C) on Sunday, June 23. His funeral took place at St. James United Church last Thursday.

**We welcome Amy Dalziel** on board as our summer Special Project Implementer. Summer office hours remain Monday – Thursday: 9:30-3:30.

We also extend a big welcome to all visitors to St. James United and the St. John's community over the summer months.

**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: June 9: \$2,615

June 16: \$3,563 June 23: \$2,432 Have you thought about PAR for the summer? Many of us are away for much of the summer. Why not switch your weekly givings to PAR? That way, you'll not have to worry about being away or catching up later! It's quick and easy to sign up. Contact the office for all the details, 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

**Broadview (née Observer):** We have an extension on the Broadview subscriptions until July 12, Annual subscriptions are not renewed automatically, so if you had one for the past year and wish to renew for another year, please contact Barry Cutler (364-3450 or newfie\_1\_ca@yahoo,ca) to do so. Cost for the coming year is \$25. For those folks wishing to begin a subscription, please return the following form to our office.

**Broadview:** I would like to receive a subscription to The United Broadview through the St. James United Church-NL Group Plan at the price of \$25 per year. Payment enclosed.

Name:	Phone #:
Address:	

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 1.

## **2019 Cemetery Memorial Services are as follows:**

- \*Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension: Monday, July 8, 7pm;
- \*General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road: Monday, July 22 at 7pm;
- \*Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way: Monday, August 5, 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

**Flowers for our Memorial Garden:** If you would like to plant a low-growth plant in our Memorial Garden in memory or celebration of someone, please feel invited to do so.

**The UC Conference Office (320 Elizabeth Avenue) has a new name:** First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. Their summer hours are posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Minute for Mission: Migration touches all corners of the globe. Some people choose to move in search of jobs, opportunity, or education. Others are forced from their homes by conflict, poverty, inequality, & a lack of sustainable livelihoods. The United Nations reported 258 million migrants in 2017. The safeguards & protections we afford refugees, migrants, & displaced peoples speak to the foundation of human rights. The strangers among us are God's people in need of our hospitality & mercy as much as our advocacy for the justice they seek & human rights they deserve. Many migrants are victimized by the conditions of forced migration, including human trafficking in all its forms (labour, drugs, human organs, sex, baby-selling, & mail-order brides). Migration today cannot be isolated from concerns for working conditions. Living wages & a safe, secure working environment are denied to many. These rights must be protected. Migrants are not stereotypes. Their value cannot be measured by the documents they may or may not have, or their financial contributions to national economies. One migrant leader has said, "Do not talk about us without us. We have answers, & we have been voicing them." M & S partners around the globe are working tirelessly to help displaced peoples fleeing violence, political conflict, persecution as migrants organize to make their dreams come true.