

St. James United Church

June 9/Pentecost/Communion

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| Minister: | Rev. Brian Colbourne |
| Minister of Youth/Christian Education: | Susan Sheppard, DLM |
| Minister Emeritus: | Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown |
| Organist: | Amy Dalziel |
| Choirs: | AOTS, UCW |
| Choirs' Director: | Doreen Brown |
| Usher in Charge: | Aubrey Hill |
| Greeters and Ushers: | Ruby Hill, Patsy Collins, Linda Babstock, Oliver Weillon |

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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

LITURGICAL DANCE

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

THE PEACE:

One: May a heart of peace rest with you.

All: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT: *Open Your Heart*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Spirit Friend, You come like the wind, and the earth grows hale at Your breath.

You arrive – like the wind filling a thousand sails, like moist air carrying refreshing rain.

All: Seed us with new patterns of life, and leave us giddy with new possibilities as we breathe this Breath of Life.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Spirit of life and hope, we sense Your presence in this place. We gather grateful for the companionship of hearts and minds seeking to speak the truth in love. We gather grateful for our heritage, for the women and men before us whose prophetic words and deeds make possible our dreams and our insight. And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself, mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is and to insist on what it can become. Awaken us again to the

mysteries that humble us, the realities that orient us, the fellowship that sustains us that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness to the larger life before us. Amen.

HYMN: *Spirit, Be Our Breath of Life* (tune:Michael, Row the Boat Ashore)

1. *Spirit, be our Breath of Life, Alleluia!*
Spirit be our Breath of Life, Alleluia!

2. *Spirit, be our wind of change, Alleluia!*
3. *Spirit, help us share our gifts, Alleluia!*
4. *Spirit, help us live God's love, Alleluia!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL & FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS CLOSING AND RECOGNITIONS

HYMN: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING ANTHEM: *I Found the Answer* Choirs

OFFERING HYMN: *Spirit of Life* 381

OFFERING PRAYER: (together) Loving God, it is through You that the church came to life, and it is through Your love that we are called to give. Take these gifts that reflect our devotion and bless them for Your service. May the Pentecost spirit inspire us as we use them. May we sense the spirit calling us to something new as we serve You. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Everyday People* Choirs

SILENCE

HEBREW TEXTS: Genesis 11: 1-9
Ezekiel 37 (selected verses)

EARLY CHURCH: Acts 2: 1-8, 11b-21

MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN: *One Bread, One Body* 467

THANKSGIVING:

One: For the strength and freedom of the Spirit always present on the breath of life,

All: we give thanks for the love, peace, justice, inclusiveness and freedom, and for the presentness of God in the midst of life.

One: So we join our celebration to all people, saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, re-creating God, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

THE STORY:

One: We remember the time ... Jesus, human like us,

All: reveals to us our true identity, temples of God's spirit.

One: Jesus, human like us,

All: reveals God present and active throughout human history.

One: Jesus, human like us,

All: reveals God-always-with-us in our everyday loving.

One: Jesus, human like us,

All: challenges us to let His story be our story also.

One: We break and share this bread as Jesus broke and shared it.
(Break bread)

All: We share it as our pledge of openness to the Spirit in our midst, and in acknowledgement of our eternal connectedness with the Spirit of Life.

One: We drink as Jesus invited his friends to drink, mindful of a relationship of love and trust between ourselves and the Spirit of life,

All: believing as Jesus believed, that beyond pain and darkness and death, life in the Spirit continues in ways beyond our imagining.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Bread and Wine is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (together) May our sharing become sharing with the world. May our blessing become blessing for the world. May our lives become living assurance of the presence of compassion in the world. Amen.

HYMN:

I Feel the Winds of God

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PARTING WORDS:

One: Flame-dancing spirit, come

All: sweep us off our feet and dance us through our days.

One: Surprise us with your rhythms,

All: dare us to try new steps, explore new patterns and new adventures.

One: Rest us,

All: in your still centre.

BLESSING

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: As we look back over our history as The United Church of Canada, we remember one of the saints whose work forms the foundation on which the United Church is built: Audrey McKim, born in Toronto in 1926. At the United Church, she was an editor of *Discovery & World Friends* with the Board of Sunday School Publications. She was also the Director of Christian Education at two Toronto churches. Audrey was one of the first United Church of Canada missionaries in Kenya, where she served for 10 years. She initially went to Kenya as a deacon of the United Church, and was part of the Canadian contingent to Operation Crossroads Africa in 1962. In 1963, Audrey returned as a Christian Education Worker with the National Christian Council & the Christian Churches Educational Association, where she worked until 1967. She was also a prolific writer and authored numerous articles and books, mostly for children. She was a founding member of the Canadian Society of Children’s Authors, Illustrators and Performers. Her children’s storybooks and books of prayer are filled with words and images that teach as well as entertain.

This afternoon 2-3: The Seniors Memory Mug Up at The Market, 245 Freshwater Road, a free and informal story sharing session for seniors, where people gather, have a cup of tea, and share memories with the goal of helping seniors preserve their stories.

This afternoon at 3 in our Sanctuary: Please join us for Project Grace’s Season Finale Showcase. Admission is by freewill donation to their community music program. All are welcome! For more information visit www.projectgrace.ca or email projectgracenl@gmail.com

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St. James United Church Life and Work, June 9, 2019

We offer our congratulations to Susan Sheppard, DLM on her half-time appointment as Minister of the Bell Island-Portugal Cove Pastoral Charge. Don’t worry! This is in addition to her current half-time position here at St. James.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Winnie & Bert Penney and Emma & William Drodge from Glenys & Gordon Drodge.

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| <p>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.)</p> | <p>Givings for: May 19: \$2,673 May 26: \$3,226 June 2: \$4,227</p> |
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Advance Notice: There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 11:00am service on Sunday, June 23rd to provide an update on the Visitation Program.

Deadline today: 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, Attn: Jan Winsor, 330 Elizabeth Avenue, A1B 1T9 or info@stjamesuc.org by Sunday, June 9.

Tuesday, June 11: Pleasant View Towers Worship Service at 2pm, conducted by the St. James Guitar Group and members of the Men's Club.

Tuesday, June 11: This year, our UCW will be having their annual birthday party at the Agnes Pratt Home, 239 Topsail Road, at 2pm.

Next Saturday, June 15 at 3pm: Our Project Grace's Gillian Sheppard's flute recital in the Suncor Energy Hall at MUN's School of Music; admission is PWYC (pay what you can/want!) and totally child friendly ... please feel free to take the whole family!

Monday, June 17 at 7pm in our Sanctuary: Pops Concert - a presentation of film music, show tunes, jazz standards and video game music composed over the past 60 years. A varied evening of instrumental and vocal music featuring: the St. James Jazz Trio; Scott Hewlett, guitarist; Alison Petten and Kiersten Noel, singers and Amy Dalziel, organist. Entrance: \$10 adults / \$5 children (12 and under) All proceeds will go towards the Music Ministry at St James United Church.

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.

Heads-up for September picnic: The Sunshine Camp on Thorburn Road has been booked for September 15, from 2-6.30pm for the United Communities of Faith joint church picnic. Further information will be forthcoming.

Beer and Hymns: June 10 at Bridie Molloys at 7pm. Take a friend and sing a hymn!! (From Cochrane Street UC.)

Topsail United Church Men's Choir Gospel Concert: Friday June 14 at 7:30pm at Topsail UC. Tickets are \$10, children under 12 free.

Coastal Sounds Choir Association's 6th Annual Summer Music Program, *Wake Up & Sing!*, July 15-19, mornings only, at Topsail UC. Registration deadline is June 15. Fee \$125. Register at coastalsounds.ca/summermusic

Are you interested and available to host a Quebecois student under the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange? If so, please see the notice on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary, or SuAn, for more information.

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