

## St. James United Church

July 21, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeters & Ushers:	Trevor, Joy, Kate & Robin Bartlett Paul Walsh

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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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** (One) We come together as a people of God, gathered in the light of Christ.

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather from a week filled with needs and demands.

**All: We come together to rest and renew our spirits.**

One: Our hearts are ready to receive the voice of God.

**All: We open our spirits to rest quietly in this place, free for this time from the chaos of the world.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Together) This is a day of new beginnings, a day for starting out again – the first day of the week and the day we set aside to worship You, Holy God. We open not only our hearts to You today, O Lord; to You we give our lives. Help us with that intention. Bind us to You, so that we do not stray. This we ask in Christ's name. AMEN

**HYMN:** *Morning Has Broken*

409

### CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**HYMN:** *Be Thou My Vision*

642

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY SONG:**

*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help You everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.  
Because we love You and Your work, our offering now we make;  
be pleased to use it as Your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (Together) Whatever we have collected in this world first came from You, Lord God. We return to You what we hope is a faithful portion of the abundance You share with us. As we have been blessed so richly through Your love and in our relationship with You, may we likewise be a blessing to others. AMEN

**SOLO:** *You Raise Me Up*

**SCRIPTURE:** Colossians 1: 15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

**MEDITATION**

**HYMN:** *Come and Find a Quiet Centre* 374

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *Take My Life and Let it Be* 506

**COMMISSIONING:** (One) Let us go out from here into the new week ahead; let us go as a people of faith. Let us go out, filled with the power of the Spirit of God. AMEN

**BENEDICTION**

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

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

*Part of this service material was provided by "Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners".*

**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](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**Minute for Mission:** For more than two decades, food delivery tricycles supported by United Church Mission & Service partner, the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (CCRD), have carried meals to elderly and infirm residents in Cárdenas, Cuba. CCRD grows, prepares, and delivers food to more than 100 people every day. Established in 1991, the centre supports churches in their work of social assistance and sustainable development. It is a space for Christians in Cuba to work together with others to support and help Cuban people in need.

When Hurricane Irma struck Cárdenas in September 2017, the people served by the CCRD food delivery program found themselves vulnerable in another way. Their homes were among those seriously damaged by the strong winds and heavy rain that came with the storm. With financial contributions from the people of The United Church of Canada, CCRD provided new windows and doors—and, in a few cases, new houses—to people in need. Beneficiaries of CCRD’s agricultural training programs received seeds and tools to replace what they lost. Each year, CCRD also hosts several groups of United Church people who want to learn more about Cuba and the church’s work there for justice and inclusion. Your contributions to M&S help keep training programs & food programs going. And your support to ongoing United Church emergency appeals allows partners to respond in times of trouble.

*St. James United Church Life and Work, July 21, 2019*

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Music Program** in loving memory of Ethel Verge from Dorothy Dick.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund** in memory of David W. Little, loving husband and father, and Frank M. Snow, loving father and grandparent, from Linda, Christopher and Stephen Little.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund** in loving memory of Ethel Verge from:

\*Humphrey and Ann Dye

\*Phil Saunders

<p><b>Financial Update:</b> 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> <table><tr><td>Givings for: June 30:</td><td>\$3,874</td></tr><tr><td>July 7:</td><td>\$3,663</td></tr><tr><td>July 14:</td><td>\$2,386</td></tr></table>	Givings for: June 30:	\$3,874	July 7:	\$3,663	July 14:	\$2,386
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**Farewell Reception - Sunday July 28, immediately following the service:** Please join us as we bid farewell to our Music Director, Paul Rodermond, who will be leaving us in August to pursue a Master of Music degree in Winnipeg.

**St. James would like to extend a warm welcome to our first time visitors** with a little welcome gift. The ushers will bring it to you if you raise your hand during the welcome but if you prefer, you can identify yourself to the ushers as you leave. Thanks for attending our service and please sign our guest book. We feel privileged to have you join us.

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

\*Bauline Line Cemetery, Portugal Cove: This afternoon at 2 pm (In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove)

\*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.

**The July edition of Beer and Hymns** is taking place Sunday July 28, 3 - 6pm at 203 Logy Bay Road (St. Mark's Anglican Church). There is something new: our summer serving of 'Beer & Hymns' will feature fantastic southern inspired food created by Poko Loko Food Truck (aka Soul Azteka) and brilliant craft beer by Mill Street Brewpub St. John's. Join us for a scoff and stay for a song!

**Bag to School:** Bridges to Hope is once again reaching out to our faith-based community with a request for specific school supplies and is asking for donations of **coloring markers**. Donations may be left at St. James United Church or the Bridges to Hope Office (39 Cookstown Road).

**Queen's College Faculty of Theology is looking** for an individual with experience and achievements as a leader and theological educator to join our team and community as Provost / Chief Executive Officer. An information package is available at [http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page\\_id=439](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439)

**"Save the dates" for September**

**The sunshine camp on Thorburn Road has been booked** for September 15 from 2:00-6.30pm for the United Communities of Faith joint church picnic. Further information will be forthcoming as it becomes available from the joint picnic coordination team.

**Burry Heights is hosting a Dinner Theatre on Saturday, September 21, 5 pm.** Entertainment is provided by young members of the Burry Heights community. Dinner tickets: \$20/adult and \$10/children. Email [burryheightsday@gmail.com](mailto:burryheightsday@gmail.com) or call 754-8824 for more information.

**St. James' Third Annual Diversity Fair** is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, 12 noon-2pm in our auditorium. Come learn about groups fighting to make St. John's a more inclusive and just community. Refreshments will be served.

**THE END**