

## St. James United Church

July 14, "Pride" Sunday and Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Piano Duet:	Amy Dalziel & Paul Rodermond
Usher in Charge:	Vera Marshall
Greeters:	Gilbert & Lillian Thomas
Ushers:	Bruce & Edna Hunt, Joyce Hill, Vickie Styles

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

### A MOMENT FOR PRIDE

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We come together to worship, to celebrate publicly, to intentionally lift up all who are gathered, to be explicit in our acceptance and kindness for all.

**All: Let us celebrate who we are as individuals.**

One: Regardless of our differences, we are made in the image of God.

**All: Let us worship our Creator God.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Together) Holy God, who breathes life into each one of us, and all of Creation, we give thanks for the wonderful diversity of Your Creation. Help us to hold one another closely, in love, compassion, and celebration, that we may give thanks that we are all Your children. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. AMEN

**HYMN:** *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* 395

### CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**HYMN:** *Spirit, Open my Heart* MV 79

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

**OFFERING** *Petite Suite, Movement III: Menuet*

**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) Loving God, these our gifts are freely given, given to do Your work in this church, given to do Your work in a needy world. Receive them and bless them, we pray. AMEN

**PIANO DUET:** *Petite Suite, Movement I: En bateau*

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 10:25-37

**MEDITATION**

**HYMN:** *Though Ancient Walls* 691

**READING:** "Jesus makes a place for everybody"

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

**HYMN:** *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love* 574

**COMMISSIONING:** (One) Go forth into the world, among all people, and let your love so shine upon stranger and neighbour so that all may know you are a follower of Jesus Christ.

**BENEDICTION FOLLOWED BY MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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



*Part of this service material was provided by Affirm United (affirmunited.ause.ca)*

**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:** Kenji Marui travelled to Australia as part of the Moderator's Dialogue on Reconciliation to consult and build a relationship with the Uniting Church in Australia, the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, and Indigenous groups in Australia. He reflects on this experience: "At a theological gathering of our Canadian visiting group, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress members, and students training for ministry, we engaged in earnest conversation about the effects of colonialism in our lives, in our churches, in

our societies. As a second-generation Canadian born to Japanese immigrants, I struggled to find my place in the discussion. I don't look like a settler but have throughout my life operated with such a mindset. Yet I also know the effects of racism and discrimination. I grow weary of having to explain or justify myself in society, of my reality of being unrepresented or misrepresented in media. "There was tension in discussing the interrelation of gospel and culture because it is such a one-sided dynamic: Christianity has been so dominant and pervasive, so closely associated with assertions of Western superiority, that it becomes difficult to disentangle Jesus' true messages and intent from the historical and traditional interpretations of his parables and teachings. Aboriginal culture has long been deemed second-class at best and downright demonic at worst. "As we look to what might come next in this unfinished process, there is a commitment and understanding that this work is too important to ignore. The work goes on thanks to your gifts for Mission & Service."

*St. James United Church Life and Work, July 14, 2019*

**We offer our condolences to** Graham Verge, his family and friends, on the passing of his beloved wife, Ethel Verge on Friday, July 5. Her funeral took place at St. James United Church last Wednesday.

**We keep the Rev. Ralph Taylor in our prayers** as he gathers with family and friends to remember his father, William M Taylor (Bill). The family will intern his ashes at the General Protestant Cemetery (Mount Pleasant) on Monday, July 15 at 11:30 am **followed immediately** by a reception at Barrett's Funeral Home (328 Hamilton Avenue). Members of St. James are welcome to join the family at both the cemetery and the reception as they give thanks for Bill's life and the gifts he gave to others.

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

Beatrice & Charlie Pope  
Jim Edgar

<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:</td><td>June 23:</td><td>\$2,432</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>June 30:</td><td>\$3,874</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>July 7:</td><td>\$3,663</td></tr></table>	Givings for:	June 23:	\$2,432		June 30:	\$3,874		July 7:	\$3,663
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**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:**

\*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.

***Save the date for Burry Height's Dinner Theatre on Saturday, September 21, 5 pm. Dinner tickets: \$20/adult and \$10/children. Email burryheightsday@gmail.com or call 754-8824 for more information.***

***Cochrane Street Church Council is holding a yard sale on July 20 – 10am to 1pm (Stewart Street Entrance). If anyone has any household items which they wish to donate to the yard sale, please bring them to the community space on Friday July 19, 2019, from 6-8 pm. For more information, please contact Cochrane's church office at 722-3023.***

**The First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office (320 Elizabeth Avenue) is closed for renovations until 8:30 am on Tuesday, July 16.**

**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. We want our Provost to be a leader who inspires, motivates, consults, and collaborates. The Provost must have appreciation and regard for Queen's College history and nurture continuous growth and improvement by thinking outside the box and seeing the big picture. An information package is available at [http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page\\_id=439](http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439)

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**PRIDE WEEK: July 12-21 "Pride and Progress 2019"**

**St. James United Church is marching** in the Pride Parade THIS AFTERNOON. If you are interested in joining, please make your way to the starting point (Zone F – in between Mile One Stadium and City Hall) immediately after the service. The parade begins at 1 pm and will end at Bannerman Park around 2 pm. *In the event of inclement weather, the parade will take place next Sunday, July 21.*

**Out in Faith NL** invites you to the fourth annual Multifaith Service on Thursday, July 18, 7-9pm at The Lantern (135 Barnes Road): a gathering of 2SLGBTQ+ folks and allies of many spiritual traditions. Refreshments will be served.

**For more information and a full list of Pride Week 2019 events,** visit the St. John's Pride website at <https://stjohnspride.ca>.

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