

St. James United Church

July 7, 2019/Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist/Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Soloist:	Stephen Browne
Usher in Charge:	Janet Bartlett
Greeters and Ushers:	Trevor, Allison, Kate & Jennifer Bartlett

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) As light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May His light bring life into the darkness of this world.

INTROIT: *Praise to the Lord* (VU 220, verse 1)
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O, my soul, praise Him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, let us praise God together.

All: Young, old and in between, we come to worship God.

One: Because God loves to receive our praise,

All: And God loves to hear our prayers.

One: We thank God for each person in our midst.

All: So come, let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Wonderful Creator God, as we join in praise, in prayer, in song and worship here, we feel Your Spirit around us. Let the warmth of Your loving presence transform us, making us whole. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Macy Rayne Whalen

child of Shawna and Jason Whalen
and

Chad Francis Belbin

child of Joanne and Mark Belbin

PRESENTATION

PARENTS' BAPTISMAL VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A New Creed 918

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

ACTION OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM CHORUS:

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
for I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

HYMN: *This is the Day* 412

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: *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) 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

SOLO: *Ave Maria* Stephen Browne

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:24-37

MEDITATION

HYMN: *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *I Feel the Winds of God Today* 625

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) Let us go forth into the world, among all people, and may our love so shine upon stranger and neighbour that all may know whose we are – for we are Christ's!

BENEDICTION FOLLOWED BY MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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

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

St. James United Church Life and Work, July 7, 2019

St. James United extends a heartfelt thank you to the Rev. Jim Von Riesen for leading us in worship last Sunday morning. Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with the congregation!

We offer our condolences to Ann Marie Gilbert, her family and friends, on the passing of her beloved husband, David Gilbert on Monday, July 1. His funeral took place at St. James United Church last Thursday.

We also offer our condolences to Barbara Butt on the passing of her brother, Brendan Noseworthy on Sunday, June 30. His funeral took place last Thursday in Manuels, CBS.

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 by a reception at Barrett's Funeral Home (328 Hamilton Avenue) at 2:00 pm. Members of St James are welcome to join the family as they give thanks for his life and the gifts he gave to others.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund in loving memory of Dr. John Cronhelm from:
Phil Saunders;
The AOTS

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 16:	\$3,563
	June 23:	\$2,432
	June 30:	\$3,874

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.

This morning's service will be broadcast on VOWR tonight at 7pm.

Broadview (née Observer): We have an extension on the Broadview subscriptions until July 12. If you wish to renew your subscription for another year, please contact Barry Cutler (364-3450 or newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca). 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: _____

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

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) will be closed for renovations from 4 pm on Thursday, July 11 to 8:30 am on Tuesday July 16.

Minute for Mission: 1JustCity at St. Matthews Maryland Community Ministry builds community well-being, works for justice, and nurtures hope in individuals and families in west central Winnipeg, Manitoba. The program attempts to balance meeting basic needs, enabling personal transformation, and working for social change through a variety of initiatives. These include everything from offering an emergency food program for families, to small collaborative

economic initiatives that help people learn employment skills. The Artist's Circle provides a venue and supplies for soulful creative time. No experience is necessary, and people mentor and teach each other. St. Matthews Maryland receives 9,000 visits a year to its drop-in space where people come to be filled—filled with snacks, filled with the joy of someone who cares, filled with the worth of someone listening, and filled with a sense of belonging. Your gifts for Mission & Service support ministries like St. Matthews-Maryland.

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