

St. James United Church

September 15, 2019/ Creation Time 2

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director:	Branden Olsen
Usher in Charge:	Michelle Skinner
Greeters & Ushers:	Wayne Skinner, Bill & Cindy Pike, Peter & Shirley Barbour

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) We come together as a people of God, gathered in the light of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe,

All: and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, and God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

One: Through word, music and sacrament, in community and in solitude,

All: God changes our lives, our relationships and our world.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Wonderful Creator God, as we join in praise, in prayer, in song and worship here, we feel Your Spirit intertwining through us and all around us, comforting, strengthening, and upholding us. Let the warmth of Your loving presence open, uplift, and transform us, making us whole, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN: *O Worship the King*

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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) As we honour the gifts of money placed in the plates today, the gifts of money given through PAR, and the gifts of time and talent given throughout the week, we offer all these gifts back to You O God, as a sign of our love for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Come, We That Love* 714

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 14 735

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

ANTHEM: *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God*

MEDITATION: "Of Great Value to God"

HYMN: *It Only Takes a Spark* 289

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

COMMISSIONING: (One) We go as blessed and blessing people, pilgrims on a journey. Let us live God's love through our hands, our hearts, and our voices that we might make a Good News difference in the world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: A row of old houses on Rue MacKay in Montreal, Quebec, is part of student life at Concordia University. One is home to the Concordia Multi-Faith and Spirituality Centre. The Rev. Ellie Hummel is the United Church chaplain on staff at the centre, and she works with chaplains from the Baha'i, Muslim, Sikh, Pagan, Buddhist, and Jewish communities as well as various Christian denominations. The centre is a safe space for students to talk one-on-one with chaplains, share meals with fellow students, work together on service projects, and hang out during exam time. It holds a drop-in conversation group called Spirituali-TEA each week. In June 2017, the centre celebrated the completion of a mural by fine arts student Laura Douglas, who explored the relationship between people and the environment. Like the centre itself, the mural is a beautiful expression of that exploration. Concordia Multi-Faith and Spirituality Centre offers students a place to explore and question faith, and a safe space to

make a difference and simply be. Its service projects include helping with a community garden in the downtown core of Montreal.

United Communities of Faith

This afternoon, 2-6:30:

Joint church picnic at

The Sunshine Camp on Thorburn Road.

There will be food, crafts, stories, games and entertainment.

This is a free event – just show up!

Rain venue will be at St. James.

St. James United Church Life and Work, September 15, 2019

We offer a warm welcome to Branden Olsen, our new Associate Music Director, as he directs our Senior Choir today.

<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> <table><tr><td>Givings for: August 25:</td><td>\$3,938</td></tr><tr><td>September 1:</td><td>\$2,721</td></tr><tr><td>September 8:</td><td>\$3,225</td></tr></table>	Givings for: August 25:	\$3,938	September 1:	\$2,721	September 8:	\$3,225
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Did you usher over the summer and take your name tag home with you?

If you find you have an usher name tag at home, please drop it off at the office. Many thanks!

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Monday, September 16, 3-6pm: Susan's Loose Threads Sewing Studio Fall Session continues. No matter your gender, age, ability or faith, drop in anytime between 3 and 6 to start or continue a project. Relax, sew, chat, laugh and receive help and friendship from others in an informal atmosphere. Just bring yourself, your sewing machine and material.

Wednesday, September 18: Our AOTS Men's club will have their first dinner meeting at 5 for 5:30pm. New members welcome!

Saturday, September 21:

***Tech Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10am-noon in the Fellowship Room:** Bring your electronics along for assistance in solving the many mysteries hidden in today's gadgets. Whether it is simply extracting your photos from your phone or unraveling a tangly software issue, bring your problem.

***5pm: Burry Heights Dinner Theater.** Entertainment is provided by young members of the Burry Heights community. Dinner tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/ children. Email burryheightsday@gmail.com or call 754-8824 for tickets or more info.

Next Sunday, September 22, noon -2pm: St. James' Third Annual Diversity Fair in our Auditorium. Come learn about groups working to make St. John's a more inclusive and just community. Refreshments will be served.

AOTS and UCW Choirs will have their first practice together on Wednesday, September 25 at 10am. New members welcome!

Our Youth Choir will begin practices on Wednesday, September 25 at 7pm. New members needed!

Bridges to Hope Fundraiser: Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm

Spirit of Newfoundland Productions presents *Over The Narrows And Into History*, dinner and a show. Tickets are \$80 each. For more information or to purchase tickets: www.bridgestohope.ca or 722-9225.

Project Grace is offering: **Music Lessons for Grown Ups* on Tuesday evenings, September 17 - November 7, 7:30-8:30 for \$120 per person at The Bethany Center. Registration is now open online: www.projectgrace.ca

***Project Grace is now accepting** registration for their After School Music Program for children in grades 1 through 12. Lessons are offered in violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, percussion and ukulele. Please visit www.projectgrace.ca to learn more & to sign up!

Housekeeping:

*September brings many people using the church building. Please ensure all lights are turned off when you leave.

Please see the Community notice board outside the Sanctuary for information on some community events, including:

*Office Admin. position available at Cowan Heights UC;

*Annual St. John's Kidney Walk, Sunday, October 6 at 9:30am;

*The Lantern Speakers' Forum 2019.

Wesley United Church: * Fellowship Program, starting September 17: Fitness on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30am to 10:30, and Bridge every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 2pm. For further information call Joan at 368-0434 *Jiggs Dinner and a game of Auction on Thursday, October 3, starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and will need to be bought and paid for in advance.

There will be somebody in attendance at the Church office from Monday, September 23 - Friday the 27, 1-3:30pm. For information call Pheobe at 726-1689 or Marvin at 579-7900.

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