St. James United Church

November 29, 2020/Memorial Hymn Sing

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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.

We Gather as God's People

MUSICAL PRELUDE (Guitar Group)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

HYMNS: God of the Mountain (Guitar Group)

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (Guitar Group)

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE:

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God.

All: In the beginning is our hope, and hope in God.
One: This Advent season begins with hope for this world.

All: This lit candle symbolizes our hope for this season of short days and long nights.

Louise Mahood in *Gathering A/C/E* 2016-17, p63

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come as an Advent people; praise the God of promise.

All: We come with glad and thankful hearts.
One: Follow the holy way; make the path straight.

All: We will walk the road to Bethlehem.

Celebrate God's Presence, p79

HYMN: Because He Lives (Guitar Group)

OPENING PRAYER:

One: Giver of life, you know and care for all people, whoever we are and whatever our thoughts of you.

All: Speak your Word to us in this time of remembrance and come among us with love, to give life to all, this day and forever. Amen

HYMNS: Will You Walk with Me (Guitar Group)

MUSIC INTERLUDE

We Listen for God's Word

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 98 (see insert)

HYMNS: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (Branden Olsen &

Precious Memories Glenda Winsor)

GOSPEL READING: John 11:21-26

MEDITATION: "Dying and Living"

HYMNS: Just a Closer Walk With Thee (Bob &

Take Time to Be Holy Jean Rose)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together)

We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and the gifts we have offered to you. May they be used to further the work of love, peace and justice. Amen

HYMN: Count Your Blessings (see insert)

Please put your masks on for the singing of this hymn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Guitar Group & the congregation)

Please put your masks on for the singing of this hymn

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Responsive Psalm 98 (VU 818)

Sing to God a new song,

For God has done marvelous things,

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

You have made known your salvation,

And revealed before the nations your saving power.

You have remembered your steadfast love

And faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. R

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Break into joyous praise, sing psalms.

Sing psalms to God with the harp,

With the harp and melodious voice,

With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before our sovereign God. R

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

The world, and its inhabitants.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

The hills sing together for joy before God.

Your come to judge the earth, O God,

To judge the world with righteousness,

And the peoples with equity. R

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,

And you will be singing as the days go by. [Refrain]

When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold; Count your many blessings, money cannot buy Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. [Refrain]

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. [Refrain]

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (VU 664)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

LIFE AND WORK - NOVEMBER 29, 2020

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary are in loving memory of parents Eric & Roma Paul from Nancy and Anthony.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Baxter Howse from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from wife Muriel and family.

Message from our Treasurer:

"These past 10 months have been very challenging financially for St. James with Rev. Brian retiring, the church being closed from March to September, and protocols to follow in order to reenter the church for services. Our UCW, AOTS, Senior Choir, Guitar Group and all other groups have not been able to meet, which is very difficult. Financially, we have availed of the several Federal Government Programs to help us out: Canada Employee Wage Subsidy, where we can claim 75% of our wages with some restrictions, and the Canada Emergency Business Account where we received a \$40,000 loan with only \$30,000 being repaid by December 2022.

Here is a summary of where we are at the end of September:

Revenue:

Collections:	\$126,739
CEBA	10,000
CEWS	2,958
Other	22,915
Total	162.612

Expenses:

 Church
 42,988

 Assessments
 17,101

 Committees
 731

 Salaries
 112,485

 Total
 173,305

Net Loss: \$10,693

We cannot compare these figures to 2019 as they are two totally different years. Over the next couple of weeks, I will update you as to where we are at the end of October.

Thank you all for supporting St. James; it is very much appreciated. We will get through this year and will have many more years to come.

Jean Thompson, Treasurer."

Annual White Gift Outreach Project for Stella's Circle:

As usual, we are collecting Christmas gifts for Stella's Circle, and will be accepting items every Sunday at the Worship Service up until Sunday, December 6.

For those who cannot make a Sunday delivery, there will be an opportunity to drop-off your gift at the church on Saturday, December 5, between noon and 3pm.

Important: Gifts should be new and remain unwrapped, except for their original packaging if any.

Household Items

- Dishes
- Pot & pans
- Forks, knives, spoons
- Utensils
- Cutting board
- Togster
- Plastic mixing bowls
- Electric mixer
- Dish cloths & pot cloths
- Single sheets (twin and some double & gueen)
- Cups, mugs and glasses
- Pie Plates, cake pans, pizza pans
- Baking sheets
- Can openers
- Colander
- Blankets & pillows
- Dish racks
- Casserole dishes
- Bath towels, hand towels & face cloths
- Frying pans (non-stick)
- Mops, buckets, brooms
- Garbage bags
- Basic household cleaners
- Laundry detergent
- Dish liquid
- Light bulbs
- Reusable water bottles
- Throw blankets
- Alarm clocks
- Lysol wipes and Hand Sanitizer
- Paper towels & toilet paper

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Donations of personal care items and personal clothing (ex. socks, underwear, pajamas) can only be accepted if new and in their original packaging.

Personal Care Items (for all adults)

- ♦ Shampoo & conditioner (in one)
- ♠ Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hair brushes, combs, elastics
- Hair spray and gels
- Razors
- Shaving creams and gels
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap
- Body wash
- Moisturizer and hand lotion
- Nail care items (clippers, nail file)
- Feminine hygiene products (especially tampons)
- Dental floss
- Hairspray
- Face cleanser (such as Cetaphil)
- Make up wipes

(Note: some unscented toiletries would be helpful)

Other Helpful Items (for all adults)

- Socks
- Underwear (all sizes up to and including 5X)
- Night shirts
- Pyjamas and pyjama bottoms
- Slippers
- Night wear sizes Large-5X
- Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
- Winter wear (Coats, Jackets)
- Footwear (indoor & outdoor, especially for winter)
- Movie passes
- Gift cards valued at \$5 & \$10 (ex. Subway, Tim Hortons, Sobeys, Walmart, etc.)
- Adult colouring or doodling books & colouring leads
- Playing Cards, Games