



# St. James United Church

Weekly Service Bulletin – October 14th, 2018

**Sacrament of Baptism/ 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Stewardship Month**

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***Living fully, intentionally and compassionately***

*\*Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE / WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH / INTROIT

## **WE GATHER**

As we gather for worship, we celebrate the shining waters which run through the ancestral lands of our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the area. Those waters shimmer with the Great Spirit of all Creation and the spirits of the fathers and mothers that come ahead of us. In our time together, let the ground on which we gather be sacred ground.

### **CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING** (*responsive*)

One: God is present in magnificent temples.

**All: God is present in nomadic tents.**

One: God is present in wooden clapboard churches.

**All: God is present in outdoor chapels.**

One: God was present in the past.

**All: God will be present in the future.**

One: We light the Jesus candle, acknowledging that God, in Jesus,  
is present with us right now, in this very place, at this very time. Amen.

Fern Gibbard, *Gathering - Pentecost 2*, 2018 (adapted)

### **\*GATHERING SONG**      *Come, Let Us Sing*

**VU#222**

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1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.

4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

**CALL TO CELEBRATION** *(responsive)*

One: God, you have many names, but what shall I call you? When I am sick,

**All: I'll call you Healer.**

One: When I am lonely,

**All: I'll call you Friend.**

One: When I am worried,

**All: I'll call you Comforter.**

One: When I am vulnerable,

**All: I'll call you Strength.**

One: When I am angry,

**All: I'll call you Peace.**

One: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God of many names.

Louise Hart, *Gathering - Pentecost 2, 2018* (adapted)

**OPENING PRAYER** *(responsive)*

One: Advocate, Truth-teller, Soul-searcher, and Soul-healer,  
as we come together seeking solace, respite, and healing, abide in us.

**All: As we connect with each other, worship together,  
and seek to be both challenged and fed, abide with us.**

One: As we once again are open to hearing God's message  
and to live God's love in the world, abide through us.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, whose prayer we now say together...

Ana Atkinson, *Gathering - Pentecost 2, 2018* (adapted)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**VU#921**

**\*HYMN** *I Have Called You by Your Name*

**MV#161**

Words and music: Daniel Charles Damon, 1995; French trans. David Fines, 2006

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and asked you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## **THEME CONVERSATION**

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Teach us faith, teach us caring, teach us love, teach us sharing.  
Help us love your whole creation. Make our lives a celebration! Amen.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Levon John Kingsley Cameron (*son of Aaron Cameron & Stevie Byers*)  
Levi Charles Stanley Taylor & Lincoln Andrew Dawson Taylor  
(*sons of Andrew Taylor & Sarah Rutherford Taylor*)

## **WE REFLECT**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

#### **ANTHEM**

#### **QUOTE**

*C.S. Lewis (The Four Loves)*

*Karin DesChamps*

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.”

#### **GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 5:21-43*

*Karin DesChamps*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the

whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**\*HYMN**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*

**VU#644**

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1. I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

**REFLECTION**

**WE RESPOND**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Loose Money collected goes to the Mission & Service Fund*

**\*SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*What Can I Do?*

**MV#191**

Words and music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy, arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005.

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer. I bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH**

**\*HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**VU#288**

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love **R**
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SUNG BLESSING**     *We Give Our Thanks*

**MV#187**

1. We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God,  
we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God.
2. We give our hearts to God, we give our hearts to God,  
we give our hearts to God, we give our hearts to God.

**POSTLUDE**