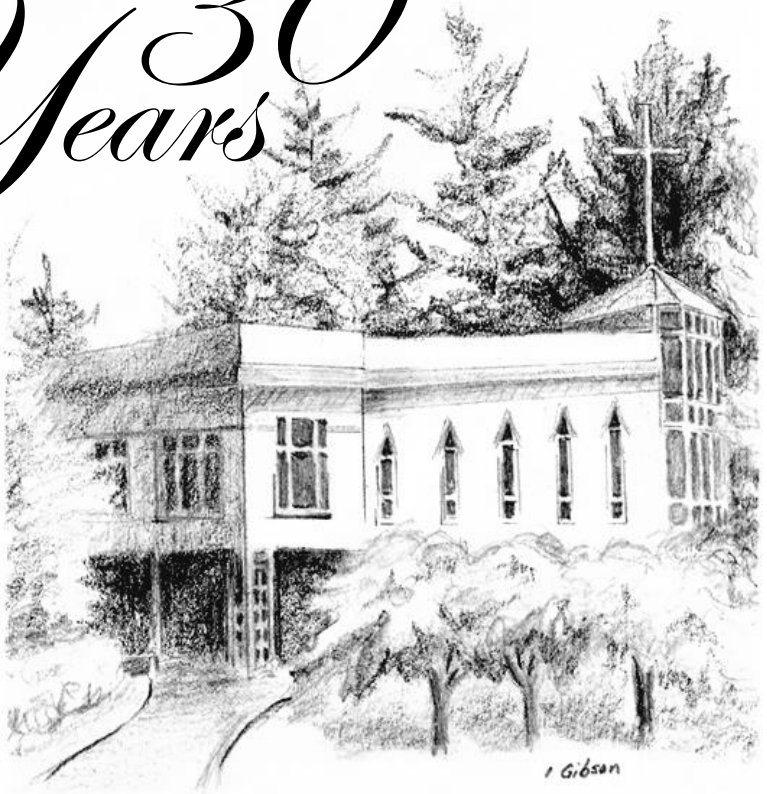


16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29<sup>SEPT</sup>  
2019

*30 Years*



# St. John's United Church

An Affirming, Fully Inclusive Ministry

**Welcome to all worshipping with us today.**

If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign the guest book in the church entryway and include your email address if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter. After the service, you are invited to join us in the narthex to share in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation.

Families with babies/toddlers are invited into the Family Room (opposite the main entrance to the Church, at the back of the Sanctuary). Older children are welcomed into Worship with the rest of the congregation. Activity packs are available for them to take into Worship.

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Hymnals indicated by: **VU**–Voices United & **MV**–More Voices

Congregational responses are in **BOLD** print.

*\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

## Prelude

### ☞ GATHERING & GREETING ☛

## Welcome

## Acknowledgement

*Brian Smith*

We gratefully acknowledge that we are gathered on  
the unceded ancestral lands of the *shishálh* First Nation.

## Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us that Jesus' light shines within us.

**We give thanks for the light of Christ.**

## \*Gathering Song

*Spirit of Life*

**VU# 381**

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours  
with a handshake, a hug, or with hands together in prayer.*

## \*Regathering Song

*Spirit of Life*

**VU# 381**

## Call to Worship

Thanks be to the One, who calls us to this place.

**Praise and thanks to the Creator.**

Thanks be to the One, who calls us  
to live love and to respect all our relations.

**Praise and thanks to the Creator.**

In memory of those faithful ones  
who have gone before us.

**Praise and thanks to the Creator.**

In gratitude for the family of faith gathered here.

**Praise and thanks to the Creator.**

For the blessings of 30 years of work and play,  
and for a future in God's care,

**praise and thanks to the Creator.**

With joy and gratitude, let us share  
our praise and thanks to the Creator. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Let us Build A House*

**MV# 1**

## Prayer

*adapted from a prayer by Phil Hobbs*

In worship this morning, Kind, Compassionate and Present God,  
we sing of a church with purpose:  
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,  
gifts shared for the good of all.

**We are a community of broken but hopeful believers,  
seeking to love as you first loved us.**

**We are trying every day to be faithful servants,  
in our neighbourhood and in the wider world.**

**Strengthen us, heal us, empower us, and enable us.**

**We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## \*Hymn

*Neverending Joy*

**MV# 40**

## ✠ LISTENING ✠

## Scripture Readings

1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Brian Smith*

Luke 12:32-40

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen**

## Choir Anthem

*By the Rivers of Babylon*

arr. by Henri William Otsomotsi

## Sermon

*Rev. Jamie Bushell*

## ✠ RESPONDING ✠

## \*Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**VU# 602**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

## The Prayer of Jesus in Song

**VU# 959**

## An Invitation to Offer

## Offertory

## \*Presenting Our Gifts

*What Can I Do*

**MV# 191**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, we are grateful for these gifts  
which enable our testimony to your faithfulness and your love.**

**We remember with thanksgiving  
those who planted and nurtured this church  
and as we present this offering,  
we rededicate ourselves to your service.**

**May our giving and our living bear witness to your grace. Amen.**

## Work of the Church / Announcements

## \*Hymn

*Draw the Circle Wide*

**MV# 145**

## ✠ BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING ✠

- \* The Holy One who brought us together here,  
is the One who walks with us on our way.  
And may the Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer  
bless and keep you, now and always. **Amen.**

**\*Go With God**

*May God's Sheltering Wings*

**MV# 214**

**Postlude**



**Thank you** to those who contributed to our worship service this morning:  
readers, greeters, refreshment makers, musicians, to name just a few!

### **HOUSEKEEPING NOTES:**

- ♦ **NOTE:** The chairs **DO** need to be put away after the service today.  
Please stack like colors and types (arms vs no arms) 8 chairs tall, away  
from the wall.
- ♦ Clean-up brought to you by the letters: **G, H, I, J**  
Those whose last name begins with these letters are asked to help with  
cleaning up after our time of coffee, tea and fellowship together.

### **Lectionary Readings for Sunday October 6:**

Lamentations 1:1-6 Ps. 137 2Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

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## St. John's Announcements

### September 29, 2019

♦ **Celebrations following Worship** Please join us for our monthly celebration time after the service in the Narthex. This is not only a time to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and other joyous events or prayers answered, but we are also celebrating 30 years in this building. Next week we will be back in our hall for our coffee/tea time. One more thing to celebrate!

♦ **Save this Date - Sunday October 20** Jamie's Covenanting Service  
There will be a potluck following. Please sign-up what food you will bring on the sheet in the Narthex.

♦ **Sunshine Coast Prostate Cancer** Support & Awareness Group will be on Tues day October 1, 7:00 pm in the Hall. The guest speaker is Dr. Loreen Dawson. Prostate Cancer patients and their partners are welcome.

♦ **Mission and Service:** We are doing well with our Mission and Service giving! Thank you to everyone who is contributing! As of the end of August, the total amount collected for Mission and Service was \$11,691. This is almost 78% of the amount needed to reach our goal of \$15,000. With your continued enthusiasm, we may even be able to exceed our goal. This all goes towards increasing the United Church's ability to do the work of the Church in Canada and around the world.  
<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/giving-choices>

♦ **Hurricane Dorian** The storm in the Bahamas destroyed thousands of homes and left approximately 60,000 people without shelter. The United Church of Canada is accepting funds to help with relief and reconstruction efforts. Go to the UCC website for more info and how to donate:  
<https://www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief?>

♦ **siyaya Reconciliation:** Orange Shirt Day September 30  
To acknowledge the cultural genocide of the residential school era, honour the Survivors, and educate the public to ensure this never happens again, Orange Shirt Day came into being. For more information, see:  
[www.orangeshirtday.org/](http://www.orangeshirtday.org/)

# 1 Timothy 6:6-19

NRSV

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

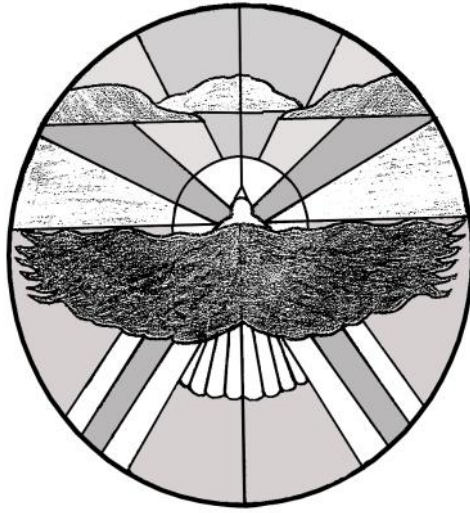
## **Luke 12:32-40**

NRSV

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’



## 30 Years Celebration

The congregation of St. John's  
has been in ministry on the coast  
for almost 70 years (1951)  
Today, we are celebrating 30 years  
in the present building.

ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING WEEK EVENTS				
Sun	29	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Worship Service Celebrations after Service	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary
Mon	30	10:00 am	Qigong Ministry	Sanctuary
Tues	01	11:00 am 7:00 pm	UCW Meeting Prostate Cancer Support Group	Lower Hall Lower Hall
Thurs	03	7:00 pm	St. John's Choir	Sanctuary
Fri	04	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	McElroy Home
Sun	06	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Communion Service	Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary