

Fishermen Lost at Sea

Joseph Gray
Clyde Gray
Wilfred Finck
Percy Miller
Emmanuel Flemming
William Flemming
Basil Flemming
Earl Schnare
Earl Beazley
Amos Henneberry
Dennis Gilkie
Blair Gray
Brian Gray
Jimmie Gray
Lorne Gray
Robin Henneberry
David Gray

Others Lost at Sea

Eddy Gilkie
Roland Harnish
Arnold Kirk
Earl Richardson
Vernon Gray
Vernon Watson
Bill Smith
Stevie Scarfe
Kendra Bezanson
Donnie Bezanson
Chris Fiander
Stanley Purcell



St. James United Church

53rd Annual Fishermen's Service

November 19, 2023

11:00 am



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The Life and Work of St. James United Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

A lighthouse is a beacon – a light in the darkness promising rest for the weary and shelter from the storm.

The light of this candle is also a beacon – a promise that no matter how dark the night or storm tossed the sea God's love will go with us and light our way home.

Hymn: VU 659 "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (first verse only)

Call to Worship & Prayer of Approach

There is nothing anywhere quite like the ocean. So beautiful, and beguiling, so generous with her gifts, and so full of mystery that you can love her a lifetime and, yet, be daily reminded how little you know. Which kind of reminds us of you, God, who we've known all our lives and love with all our hearts and, yet, remain a mystery to us.

And so we ask you, God, as the breath of your Spirit ripples across these waters, to join us here that we might know you a little better, to deepen our trust, and renew our faith that no matter how dark the night or storm tossed the sea your love will go with us and light our way home. Amen.

Anthem: "Master the Tempest is Raging"

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Special Music: "Fishermen's Son"

Brad Lowes

Sermon: A Fisherman's Faith

Hymn: VU 563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Reading of the Names

Minute of Silence

Fisherman's Hymn

Special Music: "They Beat Ole Betsy"

Blaine Gray

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Anthem: "Fishermen's Boy"

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 542)

We give you but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Like fishermen past, present, and future we must accept life's risks and place our faith in you, God, that you will provide for us, and our families, see us safely home, and no matter what may befall us we will be okay. So, bless this offering, God, however it was gifted that it may renew our faith in you, ourselves, and one another. Amen.

Hymn: VU 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Benediction/Choral Blessing

God be with you 'till we meet again,
by His counsels guide, uphold you
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you 'till we meet again.
'Till we meet, 'till we meet,
'till we meet at Jesus' feet.
'Till we meet, 'till we meet –
God be with you 'till we meet again.

The Fisherman's Hymn

Upon the ocean wide, so cruel and strong,
O fisherman, raise up this song.
O Thou who calmed the raging sea,
reach down Thy hand, O Lord, and carry me.

**Common fishermen, we'll always be,
but when we sail across that crystal sea,
and gain that cove beyond all time,
I'll see my Jesus reach to catch the line.**

When Jesus walked the shore, 'twas fishermen
that He first called to be His friends,
perhaps because out there alone
a man feels close to God upon His throne.

**Common fishermen, we'll always be,
but when we sail across that crystal sea,
and gain that cove beyond all time,
I'll see my Jesus reach to catch the line.**

Those fishermen He called, who loved their Lord,
took up the cause to spread His Word,
gave up their lives far from their sea,
but trust is all He asks of you and me.

**Common fishermen, we'll always be,
but when we sail across that crystal sea,
and gain that cove beyond all time,
I'll see my Jesus reach to catch the line.**

Announcements

Bible Study Class on Revelations-
will resume Nov 19, 2023, 3pm.

Fishermen's Service- Sunday, November 19 at 11:00 am. Men's Choir will practice at 10 am. **Thank you to our Men's Choir and to our musicians, Bill Stewart and John Stewart.**

Trevor Phillips Benefit Concert will be held at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Spryfield, Nov 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm. No charge for admission however donations will be accepted.

On Sunday, Nov 26th just after the service, we would like to have a very short **Congregation Meeting**. The purpose of the meeting is to review a very generous amendment requested by Rev Sean to his call to our church. This meeting is required by the United Church of Canada to formalize the change. Thanks in advance for your attendance.

Sessions Meeting – Nov 26, 2023 following the short congregational meeting after Sunday service.

Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Dec 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm at St. James Church.

Greening Service will take place Dec 3, 2023 at 11 am.

White Gift Sunday will take place Dec 10 at 11 am.

Down Home Christmas - Sunday, December 10th, 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to this fun and festive evening of Christmas Music, featuring local talent. If you would like to participate, please email the church office: office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com or leave a voice mail: 902 868 2791. Concert starts at 6:30. No admission, but a free-will offering will be taken, and please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Christmas Eve Service will take place Dec 24 at 4pm.

