

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
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The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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October 25, 2020/All Saints Day

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Music Director: Amy Dalziel

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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.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: (One) We light this candle to remind us that the Spirit of the eternal God moves around, among and within us, drawing us into Christian Community.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In hope, in longing:

All: We're glad to be here together.

One: In solidarity with those who struggle:

All: We're glad to be here together.

One: In resistance to those who dominate:

All: We're glad to be here together.

One: In memory of Jesus, who lived with compassion:

All: We're glad to be here together.

One: In memory of all who act with courage:

All: We're glad to be here together. And now, let us together, worship God.

HYMN: *New Every Morning is the Love*

VU 405

Prayer of Approach: (All)

We bring to you today our true selves, without the masks we hide behind, daring to show you who we really are, knowing that you love us. Be with us as we worship, as we join with the community of saints before us, and with Jesus Christ, who is at our side, Amen

Wanda Winfield in *Gathering*, Pentecost 2, 2017, p46

We Respond to God's Love

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

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

EPISTLE: 1John 3:1-3

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 34

see insert

HYMN: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

MV 79

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

MEDITATION: "The Beatitudes for Today"

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

Litany for All Saints:

One: Holy God, we pray for your human family everywhere;

All: that we may be one.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard,
and saved me from all my troubles. R**

Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you
and delivers them.

**Taste and see that our God is good.
Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Fear God, you who are the saints,
for those who fear God lack nothing.

**Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek God lack no good thing. R**

Come, my children, and listen to me,
I will teach you the fear of God.

**Which of you delights in life,
and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.
Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

**God's eyes are upon the righteous,
God's ears open to their cry.**

God's face is set against evil-doers,
to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**The righteous cry out and God who hears them,
and rescues them from all their troubles.**

God is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

God guards every bone in their body;
not one of them will be broken.

**Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;
none who take refuge in you are condemned. R

For All the Saints (VU 705)

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Life and Work – November 1, 2020

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- * in loving memory of husband, Charlie Parsons, from wife, Annie
- * in memory of Phil Saunders from Ron and Lorraine Robbins
- * in memory of Ethel Pitt from the UCW
- * in memory of Ethel Pitt from Shirley Bursey

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

- * in memory of dear cousin, Phil Saunders, from Win Kennedy
- * in memory of Phil Saunders from Bill Butt
- * in loving memory of Jacob Parsons from wife, Effie, and sons, Donald and Derek
- * with thanks for Oliver Klemola's baptism from mother, Lindsay Dutton

Important: Even though we are now open for in-person Sunday Morning Worship, you still have to pre-register to attend by calling 700-6064 by the previous Friday.

There will be the usual Contemporary Digital Service at 4:30pm on Saturday, October 31.

In-person traditional Worship Service on Sunday, November 8 at 11am with the Rev. Jim Von Riesen.

Susan's Fall Programs:

Book Study: *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians*, beginning the week of November 15 and running through the week of December 13. This 5-week program will use the book *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt, available from Woodlake Publishing at a cost of \$12 (paperback) and \$7.50 (e-book). Depending on registration there is the possibility of a morning and evening group. If you are interested, but not yet registered, please email Susan Sheppard, susan@stjamesuc.org

Message regarding Registration:

Please know that when you register for church, it is always on the assumption that you will be able to make it that day. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend, that is quite ok. There are no penalties to not coming nor did you keep someone else from attending. We currently have more than enough room. With that being said, if you still don't feel comfortable pre-registering, you can simply call the registration line on Friday afternoon and Jennifer will be able to advise you as to how many are signed up for Sunday. Then, if you wish to join us on Sunday as a walk-in, you can be assured there will be room for you. Please note: walk-ins are

always welcome but it is at your own risk. If there is no room at the inn, we will unfortunately have to turn you away. That is why we promote calling and registering.

Minute for Mission:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett shares this reflection:

When my father was sick, my minister visited. The minister didn't stay long—just long enough to let us know we were cared for, thought of, and prayed for. After I was in a car crash, I visited my minister to share my fear, anxiety, and confusion. My minister listened and asked questions. Not too many—just enough to let me know I was heard, I was okay, and I was prayed for. I was not alone. Our ministers are present in the big moments: baptisms and funerals, weddings and divorces, celebrations and crises. They are there in the everyday moments: visiting, witnessing, and walking with us. They remind us of God's presence while we wrestle with life, faith, and love. Ministers are not perfect or infallible. They each have different gifts from God and are called to unique service. Thank you to our ministers for - the sermons, the prayers, and the visits; the times you leave your own families to sit with someone else's; your leadership and your late nights; for answering God's call and living it out in The United Church of Canada. Thanks to our gifts for Mission & Service, ministers are supported through training at theological schools and education centers and through continuing education.

Friendly Reminder: The deadline for the Memorial Hymn Sing dedication requests is **November 15, 2020**.

You can drop them in the mail slot in the church or email your hymn sing selection to info@stjamesuc.org (Subject: Hymn Sing).