

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
January 24, 2021



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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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Harold Price

(April 5, 1929-January 21, 2017)

with love from Lillian, Gail, Leah, and Katie.

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of mother
Mildred Blackwood,
brother Walter Blackwood Jr., and
sister Ida Dowden.
from Lorna Jamieson.

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January 24, 2021/Third after Epiphany

Minister: Rev. Jim Von Riesen
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director: Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director: Branden Olsen

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
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES
WELCOME
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

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.

INTROIT: *Wonderful Words of Life*

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: What do you seek?

All: Life!

One: Where to you seek it?

All: Everywhere!

One: Have you found it?

All: Sometimes. In some places.

One: Who are you that you seek this life?

All: We are beloved children of God, blessed by our brother, Jesus, the Christ.

One: Then, people of God, seek life in this place, seek life in this time and know that no matter who you are – no matter from where you come – you are welcome here.

All: We are here seeking fullness of life. We are here seeking meaning for our lives. We come to worship our God.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Infinite One, we gather this morning on our way from something... on our way to something... but here we stop. We stop to rest, to turn our attention to all that is holy. We stop to gather in community, held and loved, to worship together. We stop to give praise, to sing, to pray, to give, to receive, to experience your Spirit moving around and within us. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 36 (VU 763)

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,
your judgements are like the great deep;
all living things you save. R**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river
of your delights. R**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright in heart. R**

Give Thanks for Life (VU 706)

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain,
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Life and Work-January 24, 2021

We offer our condolences to Amy Dalziel, her family and friends, on the passing of her grandmother Jean Blomfield on January 14, 2021. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

We offer our condolences to Rev. Brian Colbourne, his family and friends, on the passing of his brother John Colbourne on January 19, 2021. A funeral service will be taking place Monday, January 25 in Channel-Channel-Port aux Basques.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Blanche Butler on her passing on January 18, 2021. A funeral service was held this past Thursday, January 21, from St. Philips Anglican Church.

We welcome Mehakdeep Kaur, our new Office Administrator at St. James United Church. Her office hours are **12 noon - 4 p.m.** from **Monday to Friday** in the church building.

Please note that the main door will be locked during the office hours. Please ring the bell to access the building.

Registration:

This is a reminder that registration is mandatory.

Please call **Jennifer at 700-6064** between the hours of 11:00 am and 4 pm for a personal response, or leave a message with your name, number and time of your call. Jennifer will accept your registration and answer any of your questions regarding the process. We have set up this line for registration purposes only. There is no need to call the church office to register.

Deadline for registration is 4 pm on the prior Friday.