

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9  
February 14, 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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## St. James United Church

February 14, 2021/Transfiguration Sunday

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

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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.

### ORGAN PRELUDE

**We Gather as God's People**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

## LIGHTING OF CANDLE

## WELCOME

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: With the light of Christ's love,

**All: God reveals a light that dispels our darkness.**

One: The glory of Christ shines in our world

**All: that God's will might be known to all.**

One: Open your eyes! Open your hearts and minds!

Lift your voices in praise to God!

Paul Fayer in *Worship for All Seasons*, Vol. 1, p92

### PRAYER OF APPROACH:

One: Source of blessing,

**All: your love abides deep in our very being. All that we are reflects your unceasing mercy.**

One: Shower us with joy that awakens the possibilities of hope for a world in need.

**All: Bathe us in justice that transforms indifference into boldness so that new life may come to all. Amen**

Laura Turnbull in *Gathering, A/C/E/* 2016 p40

**HYMN:** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* VU 559

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**God of Transfiguration, have mercy upon us as we confess our sins. You show us light, yet we still choose the shadows.**

**In your Word you offer guidance, yet we ignore your counsel.**

**In your Spirit you promise renewal, yet we remain the same.**

**Speak to us from beyond the clouds of sin. Dazzle us anew with the light of love. Forgive us.**

**Restore us. Amen.**

*Celebrate God's Presence* p128

*Moment of reflection.....*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Hear the Good News of the Gospel. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Our sins, yours and mine, are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Celebrate God's Presence*, p129

**HYMN:** *How Good Lord, to be Here* VU 103 (tune St. Michael VU 688)

## We Listen to and for God's Word

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

One: The scriptures proclaim to us the message of your light.

**All: Loving and ever-present God shine your light on us so that we may discover and know your will for our lives. Amen**

*Beth W. Johnston, Nipawin, SK, Gathering 2020-21*

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 24:12-18

**VOCAL SOLO:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 9:2-9

**REFLECTION ON THE WORD:** "In Touch With the Holy"

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE:**

**We Respond to God's Love**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERING INVITATION:**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

One: We bring our gifts to you, O God.

All: **Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept what we offer and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrate God's Presence p50*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *We Have Come with Christ's Own Bidding* VU 104

**COMMISSIONING:**

Inspired and transformed  
on the mountain top with Jesus,  
we now journey with Jesus  
back into the ordinary and everyday,  
knowing that this is where we must share God's love.

*Susan Lukey, High River, Alta in Gathering A/C/E 2021*

**BENEDICTION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**



**Life and Work-February 14, 2021**

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation** to St. James from Adam Pardy and Lesley Fanning in celebration of the Baptism of their child Sydney Marie Pardy this past Sunday.

## **CPR Training for AED Machine**

**Please note** that as a result of the provincial Public Health Order of Wednesday, February 10, **the class will now be offered via zoom for the same date and time.**

We will be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for CPR/AED here at St. James on **Saturday, February 20th @ 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.** If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James can you please contact Susan Pike by email [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net) or **576-0703** by February 13th to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is certified by The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**Lenten folders** are now available to those who wish to have one. They can be picked up from the Church Office during regular business hours: Monday - Friday noon to 4:00pm

## **Cowan Heights United Church**

You are invited to join Cowan Heights United Church for a special service of worship on Ash Wednesday, **February 17, at 7:30 p.m.** After a tumultuous year, we will reflect upon the fragility of life and look towards our Lenten journey to the cross. We will receive the imposition of ashes (in a safe way to comply with Covid-19 protocols) and share together at the communion table as we are strengthened and sustained for the difficult journey to Golgotha. Pre-registration is required, please call **(709) 745-2871** or visit <https://reopen.church/r/mJ5WOUPH> to register.

**Members of the Association of Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador** are once again offering free income tax services to senior citizens and low income residents of the St. John's, Mt. Pearl, and surrounding areas.

For more information or to arrange for an appointment, please call the Association of Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador at **753-3090 ext. 201.**

**The Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Center** is seeking volunteers to add to our existing teams for Monday and Friday of each week.

Each team of volunteers require a maximum of four volunteers in the kitchen, and two additional volunteers at the distribution doors.

For more information please call:

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