

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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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Clyde Taylor
with love from wife Helen, sons Brian, Glen,
Paul & Shelley, Graham & Riza, grandchildren Alex,
Alicia, Sarah, Amy & Chynna

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February 21, 2021/1st in Lent

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

As we begin our Lenten journey, we gather to listen to God, to be filled with the Holy Spirit's passion, to be moved to a journey of discovery in Jesus. God calls us to form community, to choose our identity as a covenant people. We come for God's blessing, a blessing that transforms and renews, a blessing that is a challenge to live fully. Let us worship God together as we pray:

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, who equips us for the Lenten journey, but even more, accompanies us along that journey, bless us as we enter into your story, that we may know with our hearts and think with our minds, and become more fully enlivened in you. Amen.

HYMN: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* VU 108

We Respond to God's Love

OFFERING INVITATION:

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Generous God, receive these gifts that we have offered as a symbol of all that we seek to be and to do in your way. Bless what we have offered and direct us in the use of these offerings for your glory and for the well-being of all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:9-14

HYMN: *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* VU 115

MEDITATION: Demons and Angels

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VU 481

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: *To show by Touch and Word* VU 427
(v. 3)

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule and norm,

*and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Life and Work-February 21, 2021

World Day of Prayer–March 5, 2021

This year, because of Covid 19, the World Day of Prayer service has gone virtual. It is available to view on video at home. The program was prepared by the women of Vanuatu and then edited by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. It is an interesting look into the culture and spirituality of the people in this small Republic in the South Pacific. This meaningful service of devotion, prayer, stories and hymns, can be viewed on this website <https://youtu.be/0rWE3TCR59U?t=1>.

Please note that this video is copyright protected and should not be posted online.

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador will be hosting another First Link Lunch & Learn online meeting!

Join us from **12:30-1:30 PM** to get information on our First Link program, including how to become a referring partner. This presentation is free and open to the public.

If you are interested in being registered for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to **firstlink@alzheimernl.ca** or, give us a call at **(709) 576-0608**.

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.