

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
Joanne Hapgood, BN, RN
In remembrance her Birthday March 3
with love from Mom, Dad and family

This Bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Gilbert Hiscock Senior
with love from wife Ruby and family

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February 28, 2021/2nd in Lent

Minister:
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:
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Rev. Marion Davis
Susan Sheppard, DLM
Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Music Director:
Associate Music Director:

Amy Dalziel
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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

We Gather as God's People

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

LIGHTING OF CANDLE

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: On this second Sunday of Lent,

All: we come seeking God.

One: In this time of uncertainty in our lives,

All: we come seeking God.

One: Quieting our minds, opening our hearts,
and waiting for the divine mystery
to make itself known,

All: we come to worship God.

Gathering Lent/Easter 2021 p33

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

One: Most Holy God,

All: we rejoice in our awareness of your presence.

One: As you enter our lives,

All: renew and refresh us;

**grant that we may live with love
in the example of Jesus the Christ
and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through whom we pray. Amen**

Celebrate God's Presence, p152

HYMN: *I have Called You by Your Name* MV 161

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of righteousness and hope, we seek your healing and forgiveness. Often our lives are filled with so many activities and commitments that, in our busyness, we neglect your call to prayer, meditation, and self-examination. Help us, God, to set priorities on your way of faithfulness, justice, and love. We pray in the name of the Lenten Christ. Amen

Laura J. Turnbull, Worship for All Seasons, Volume 2 p21.

Moment of Reflection.....

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

One: Friends, no matter the time or place, God is there. No matter what we have done, God forgives. No matter our reluctance to accept God, God accepts us. With that assurance, let us receive forgiveness, and live in fullness and hope.

All: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* VU642

We Listen to and for God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

All: Eternal God,

One: In the reading of the Scripture,

All: may your Word be heard;

One: in the meditation of our hearts,

All: may your Word be known;

One: and in the faithfulness of our lives,

All: may your Word be shown. Amen

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FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-17, 15-16

The covenant between Abram, Sarai and God.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:31-38

Those who lose their life for the gospel will save it.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: "Covenant and Cross"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

We Respond to God's Love

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

"Building a World Where Everyone Belongs"

OFFERING INVITATION:

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

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.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN:

Will you come and Follow Me

VU 567

COMMISSIONING:

Leave this time of worship knowing that there is nowhere you can go where God is not and nowhere too far to find your way home.

Kate Crawford in Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, p35

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Life and Work-February 28, 2021

Our **new office hours** are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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