

# St. James United Church

Community of Friends in Faith  
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9  
March 7, 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 brother  
**E. Desmond Butt, P. Eng.,**  
(April 14, 1948 – March 5, 2018)  
from sisters Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre  
and families.

## **St. James United Church**

March 7, 2021/Third Sunday of 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

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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.

### **We Gather as God's People**

#### **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Today, the words of God come to us, in love, inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.  
Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith, inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the one who saves us.  
Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope, inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

#### **Opening Prayer: (All)**

In the source of Life and Love that we name God, we live and move and have our being. With Jesus, Companion and Liberator, we walk the way of love. Through the empowering and Imaginative Spirit, we are made one. God, trinity of love, we seek you in the dance of life. We embrace your love and would join in the dance. This is the meaning of the resurrection; that we can dance. Amen

**HYMN:** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* VU 121

### **We Respond to God's Love**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

We present these gifts, pleased to be part of the church's mission to the world, and excited to share with those around us in our own community. May our gifts and our lives speak of divine love. Amen.

### **We Listen for God's Word**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**HYMN:** *I See a New Heaven* VU 713

**GOSPEL READING:** John 11:1-45 (select verses)

**MEDITATION:** Sunday's A'Comin'

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith**

**HYMN:** *May the God of Hope Go with Us* VU 424

## **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;  
May the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;  
May the love of Christ make us caring companions on life's journey.  
Go in the peace of God.

## **Life and Work – March 7, 2021**

**NOTICE:** St James Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday March 21 at 2:00 pm. Due to COVID restrictions, this will be a virtual meeting. 2020 Annual Reports will be available shortly and Information on how to access the meeting will be forthcoming. We will be attempting to connect with as many members as possible but if you are aware of members who do not have internet access, please pass on the information. To avoid duplicate (or more) contact, please advise the church office by email or telephone, the names of those you have contacted.

Thank you  
Marilyn Adams  
Chair

**Congratulations to Rebecca Pike** who has been accepted to be Commissioned as a Diaconal Minister once her studies are completed in April following her final interview with United Church officials held recently.

**Condolences are extended to** Lorraine King (mother) and Kirsten Harris (niece) on the passing of Wayne King January 11, 2021 following an extended illness. A private funeral service took place from the Carnell Memorial Chapel on January 14, 2021.

**Condolences are extended** to the family of Rita Dawe on her passing at Tiffany Village on February 22, 2021. Rita was a longstanding member of St. James and the UCW.

**Office Administrator:** We announce with regret the recent resignation of Mehakdeep Kaur who has decided to further her education. We are very sorry to see her go but wish her well in all future endeavours. Please note church office hours will be Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to noon for the next few weeks.