

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of parents  
**Roma & Eric Paul**  
Love forever, Nancy & Anthony.  
"We are forever grateful for the lifetime of love and support provided  
by our cherished parents".

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of  
**Al Penney**  
in honour of his birthday on October 13  
from his loving wife Minnie Penney and Family.

**October 10, 2021 – Thanksgiving Sunday**  
(20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Latin American Heritage Month)

Leading worship:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Organist:	Amy Daziel
Soloist:	Glen Warren

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**We Come to Worship**

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," arranged by Daniel Berghout

**WELCOME**

*We extend words of greeting in Innu, Bangala, and English.*

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

*We light the candle as a sign of Christ's spirit both with and within us.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP**

*We take time to give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward it; we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In hills and valleys resplendent with colour:

**All: We see your presence, O God!**

One: In fields and trees abundant with harvest:

**All: We taste your goodness, O God!**

One: In food laden tables and people gathered around them:

**All: We experience your loving, O God!**

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Gracious God, from your heart comes all that we experience, know, and feel. Every aspect of creation is a reflection of your goodness and grace. Even the simplest of things are an encounter with the fullness of your love. As we gather in prayer this day– to express our gratitude, to sing praise for the gifts of life, to be inspired in your wisdom – may our hearts be opened to your heart, your love made known in Jesus' love. Amen.**

**HYMN:** "All Praise to You" *Voices United 297*

All praise to you, O God of all creation:  
You made the world, and it is yours alone.  
The planet earth you spun in its location  
amid the stars adorning heaven's duration,  
yet for this life is our cherished home.

With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in splendour;  
with teeming life you filled the sea and land.  
Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder  
when we behold the bounty of your hand.  
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,  
we hear the voice our faith can understand.

To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,  
for earth is ours to use and not abuse.  
O gracious God, true source of all resources,  
forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.  
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards  
while earth gives glory to creation's Lord.

## **We Share**

### **OUR LIFE AND WORK**

*We acknowledge the connection between our work and our worship as we take time to announce what is going on in our congregation and community.*

### **RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS**

*We acknowledge the ways people contribute to the community of faith and wider community, especially by way of supporting St. James UC financially.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**One:** Loving Spirit, on this Thanksgiving Sunday, we are mindful of the many things for which to be grateful, everything an encounter with your goodness and grace. We pause now in the silence of our hearts and minds....

*(a time of silent reflection)*

**All:** **For all that we notice and all that we overlook, for all that easily brought joy and understanding and all that one day may reveal a lesson for our lives, for all that we freely give and all that we have been given. For these and every gift we pause to give you thanks. Amen.**

**SOLO:** "All Good Gifts" (Stephen Schwartz)

## **We Listen**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*We prepare to hear readings from the Bible and other sources of wisdom, lighting candles as a sign that it is God's Wisdom that we seek in our hearts.*

**READINGS:** Joel 2:21-27  
Mark 10:17-31  
“When Giving Is All We Have” by Alberto Rios

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**MESSAGE:** “The Grace of Gratitude”

**We Respond**

**HYMN:** “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” *Voices United* 519

Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
sing songs of love and praise,  
with joyful hearts and voices  
your hallelujahs raise;  
by whom the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest  
a joyous song of love.  
God makes the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them all with fullness,  
all things with large increase;  
and crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar  
all things God's goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest,  
the souls Christ died to save:  
your hearts lay down before him  
when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him  
who gave his life for all.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We take time to pray for the needs of our global and local communities, knowing that what we pray for we in turn are called to do something about.*

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

*Please pray in your first language. A traditional version in English follows:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve**

**HYMN:** "Now Thank We All Our God" *Voices United 236*

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be, evermore.

**BENEDICTION** (Adapted from "Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter)

The blessing of the running wave to you.

The blessing of the flowing air to you.

The blessing of the quiet earth to you.

The blessing of the shining stars to you.

The blessing of God: Abba, Christ and Spirit to you and all creation, this day and evermore. **Amen.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** "Religious March on a Theme of Handel by Alexandre Guilmant

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## St. James United Church

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## Life and Work – October 10, 2021

### We gratefully accept the following donation to the General Fund:

\*In memory of Albert MacLean Styles from Dulcie Coombs.

### We gratefully accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Jennifer & Graham Hill.

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Thelma & (late) Arthur Diamond and family.

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Fred Best.

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from George and Jean White.

### Learn About Coming Out:

This Monday is Thanksgiving Monday, and it is also “*National Coming Out Day*”.

In honour of this, we will be hosting a panel discussion after our Sunday, October 17, 2021 worship service.

So, join us after the worship service (online too) to hear personal stories and to ask any questions you may have.

Hope to see you there !!!

### Meeting our New Minister:

Now that (Rev.) James has settled into St. John's, he is looking forward to meeting members of our congregation. There are a couple of options for this:

1. **A Virtual Mug-Up:** Beginning October 13, James is scheduling Zoom meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and again on Thursdays at 10:30 am. If you are interested in having a virtual chat, connect with Tracy via email ([info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)), or call the office (722-1881) for Zoom invitation details.

2. **A Masked Face-to-Face:** Alternatively, James is open to come see you for a visit (while maintaining proper health protocols). To arrange a visit, email him at [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org) or give him a call at 351-0983.

### UCW Meeting

Please note that the UCW meeting for October 11, 2021, will be postponed due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

It will now be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 2:00 pm in the auditorium.

We hope to see you all there.

### The St. James Visitor is calling on members for “OPEN SUBMISSIONS”.

Do you have a story to tell? A pome that you have written?

Artwork that you have been working on?

How has your faith helped you through these unrepresented times?

Do you have an announcement that you would like to include to our members?

Submissions will be accepted by the *Administration & Communications Committee*.

Email submission to St. James Office at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) with the subject "Visitor Submission", or drop by the office with your submission, office hours are 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday.

**Please note:**

This is a file of submissions we are building for future issues of the "St. James Visitor."

\*All entries will be reviewed and edited for grammar and spelling.

\*Submit only your own work.

\*By submitting, you agree to allow St. James to publish your work.

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**Topsail United Church**

Please join us for our **Fall Flea Market !!**

WHEN: Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 9:30am - 2:00pm.

Admission: \$1.00

All Covid 19 regulations and Social Distancing measures will be followed.