

**St. James United Church**  
*A Community of Friends in Faith*

**EVERYONE is**



**WELCOME!**

The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, our city and all of society. We affirm each person's uniqueness and believe that all persons deserve to be valued, treated with equity, and respected. We are all children of God, walking many paths of spirituality.

Further, we proudly and publicly declare our commitment to practice radical hospitality and strive in every way to provide a safe and supportive place for all persons to participate in the worship and work of our church.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we embrace all persons, regardless of creed, race, age, ability, economic status, cultural and ethnic background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation or any other difference that has led to marginalization or oppression.

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**October 17, 2021 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
(Latin American Heritage Month and LGBTQ History Month)

Leading worship:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Organist:	Amy Daziel
Soloist:	Becca-Ann Bartlett

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**We Come to Worship**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:**     *“Piano Sonata, K. 333, Mvmt II”* by W. A. Mozart

**WELCOME**

*We extend words of greeting in Mi'kmawisimk, Spanish, 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** (*inspired by Psalm 91:9-16*)

One: We come together in the shelter of the Most High,

**All: confident to say: “O God my refuge and my strength!”**

One: We can place our trust in the source of all peace and love,

**All: in the One who graciously upholds us in our need.**

One: So, come let us worship and bless the Holy Name,

**All: content in the power of God's reconciling love.**

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Most High, we bless your Holy Name, thankful for the witness of your Anointed One, giving his life freely to bring your healing and peace. Strengthened in grace, may we be willing to do the same, our lives offered in service of your saving realm, all that we do, given to help mend broken hearts, to restore wholeness to this broken world. We pray in the name of Jesus, witness to your way of love. Amen.**

**HYMN:**     “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”     *Voices United 264*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life. thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

### **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.*

#### **SPECIAL BLESSING OF KATIE VARDY, MINISTRY CANDIDATE**

#### **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:**

**Gift of Grace, in a world that diminishes the importance of self-sacrifice, we still hear your call to be servant leaders, freely giving of ourselves for others. Accept then the gifts of our time, talents, financial resources, offerings of our lives, as a sign of our desire to serve you now and always. Amen.**

**SOLO:**        *"I See the Love of God in Every River"*

### **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:**        Hebrews 5:1-10  
                          Mark 10:32-45

Excerpt from *"A Life of Unlearning - A Journey to Find the Truth"* by Anthony Venn-Brown

**HYMN:**            *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"            Voices United 344*

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,  
and drives away all fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

The effort of my heart is weak,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you whom I seek,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

**MESSAGE:** "Dying to Live"

### **We Respond**

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **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:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" *Voices United 567*

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** “May God's Sheltering Wings” *More Voices* 214

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** “Largo” by G. F. Handel

*Following the postlude, you are invited to remain in the sanctuary/online for a panel presentation  
in recognition of National Coming Out Day.*

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**St. James United Church**

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Office Administrator:	Tracy Bishop
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor



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## **Life and Work – October 17, 2021**

We offer our sincere condolences to Oliver Wellon on the passing of his sister-in-law (Gladys) Grace Butler on Oct 10, 2021.

Resting at Carnell's, visitation and funeral announcement will come later this week.

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

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Theresa Carey.

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Shirley Knee.

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Elizabeth Patey.

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Ronald and Lorraine Robbins.

### **We gratefully accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:**

\*In loving memory of Edward Freake from Elizabeth Freake

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

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Linda and Charlie Babstock.

### **Congratulations to Katie Vardy!**

Katie had their Candidacy interview last week and, of course, did very well. Now in their second year at Emmanuel College, Katie is officially a candidate for ordained ministry. Well done, Katie!

**UCW Meeting** - will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 2:00 pm in the auditorium. We hope to see you all there.

### **Looking for a new home for your microwave?**

St. James is seeking a gently used microwave for our young adult study space that we are hosting at the church weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact (Rev.) James if you are able to help us out.

### **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: James is scheduling Zoom meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and 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.

### **In October, we celebrate National Coming Out Day.**

The Diversity Committee will be hosting a panel discussion, moderated by Rev. James, on Sunday, October 17, after the 11am worship service, centered around "coming out".

This panel will be lived streamed on Facebook and viewers will have the opportunity to text in any questions they may have.

Please join us in celebrating and learning about what it means to "come out" and how you can make a difference.

**COP26 Meditation Walk:** In anticipation of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, St. James United Church is hosting a Meditation Walk at 10 AM on Saturday, October 23.

This two hour walk in the neighbourhood and along Rennie's River Trail will begin and end in the church parking lot (330 Elizabeth Avenue). We will pause at various spots along the way to reflect on the gift of creation and to consider our impact on it. All are welcome!

**Hygiene Drive for SHOP:** The Young Adults Group of Cowan Heights United Church are gathering hygiene products for the Safe Harbour Outreach Project (SHOP).

They will be hosting a collection drive for products at Cowan Heights United, 141 Frecker Drive, St. John's on Sunday, October 24th between 12:30pm - 2:30pm.

However, you can also bring your items to church at St. James United and drop them off in the box located in the Narthex. The box will be here until the end of October. If you have items and can NOT drop off to the church you can call Robin at 682-3927, or e-mail [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com) for pickup of donations.

The following items are most needed: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, new underwear of all sizes, socks, face wipes, razors, and dry shampoo. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Upcoming Turkey Tea:** In celebration of our congregational anniversary, St. James' Stewardship Committee is organizing the sale of turkey teas on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Each takeout meal is \$12.00, and it includes fresh roasted turkey, ham, two potato salads, macaroni salad, coleslaw, dressing, cranberry sauce, a roll, butter, and a cookie for dessert.

What a feast! And what a great price!

Prepared by the good folks at Coffee Matters, we receive a portion of the cost of each meal. Stay tuned for details about how to buy your turkey tea.

**Save the Date for Our Covenanting Service:** On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 pm we are celebrating our new ministry with James and our ministry team at St. James United Church.

Rev. Miriam Bowlby from Cochrane Street United Church will be the guest preacher. Come and pray both as a community of faith and with representatives of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council as we give thanks for this new pastoral relationship. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **Fall UCW Bakeless Bake Sale:**

Before the pandemic, the UCW would be busy preparing for our Annual Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Saturday, November 6th.

Your donations of items for the bake and craft tables, and your attendance have always helped make our sales a tremendous success. Since March 2020, we have missed three sales which would have enabled us to contribute approximately \$15,000.00 to aid the church financially.

For this year's Fall Sale we are having a Bakeless Bake Sale and collecting monetary donations in lieu of items. Think about what you would spend on an in-person sale (baking, buying, entry fee, etc) and we hope that you will turn that into a financial contribution to our virtual sale.

**How to Donate** - Be sure to include "For UCW Sale" on cheque, or special instructions with Donate button or e-transfer.

1. Cheque or cash. Make cheque payable to "St. James UCW Sale" and a) pass into collection plate, b) place in outside mail slot by side door of church, c) drop into church office (10-2 Mon-Fri), or d) mail cheque to:

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2. Donate button on church website
3. E-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org



**Topsail United Church**

Annual On-line Auction started on Tuesday, October 12, at 8 a.m., and will run until Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 11:00 P.M., please visit the auction site at <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com>

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 8:00 A.M. you will see Topsail United Church 2021 event.

Please support our Major Fundraiser for this year.

Good Luck to all bidders and thank you for your continued support!