

# St. James United Church

*A Community of Friends in Faith*

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## **October 24, 2021: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost (Guaranteed Living Income Sunday)**

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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, gender expression, sexual orientation or any other difference that has led to marginalization or oppression.

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of a wonderful  
husband and father

**T Alex Hickman**

October 19, 1925 - January 10, 2016

Love, Nancy, Sandy, Heather, Harry, and Peter

**October 24, 2021 – Guaranteed Living Income Sunday**  
(Latin American Heritage Month and Women's History Month)

Leading worship today: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Organist: Amy Daziel  
Soloist: Alba Chen

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**We Come to Worship**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** "Clair de lune" by C. Debussy

**WELCOME**

*We extend words of greeting in Innuktitut, Portuguese, and Cantonese.*

**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 34:1-8*)

One: We come together to bless the Holy Name!

**All: Praise for the Divine is ever on our lips!**

One: We cried out for help and our prayers were heard.

**All: The Living One has set us free from fear.**

One: Happy are those who take refuge in God's goodness!

**All: Those who look to God will shine with joy.**

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Living God, we pause in gratitude for each breath, a reminder of your animating Spirit, calling us in love to respond to the cries of your children. Breathe your Spirit upon us that our hearts may be opened to the reality that so many of us face –**

**inequality, indignity, insecurity in meeting basic needs. Free us from our fears and empower us to act, to help ensure that all of our siblings, have enough. We pray in the accompanying name of the Anointed One and of those before us, ahead of us, and beside us. Let it be. Amen.**

*(adapted from a prayer by Rev. Barry Morris, Longhouse Council of Native Ministry, Vancouver)*

**HYMN:** "Come Touch Our Hearts" *More Voices 12 (v 1-4)*

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;

help us to open doors of understanding,  
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

### **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:**

**Gracious One, we fall into your embrace, trusting that in you we'll find refuge, confident you'll deliver us from unfounded fears. We thank you for the many examples of your comfort and love, and so we offer our gifts – of time, talent, financial resources, praying they may be a means to bring others the same gift of help and refuge that we have received. Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** “Panis angelicus”

### **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:** Jeremiah 31:10-14  
Mark 10:46-52  
“I Worried” by Mary Oliver

#### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**MESSAGE:** “Mind The Gap”

### **We Respond**

**HYMN:** “Amazing Grace” *Voices United 266 (v. 1-4)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

## **VIDEO MESSAGE ABOUT GUARANTEED LIVING INCOME**

### **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:**      “Live Into Hope”      *Voices United 699*

Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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

May God's sheltering wings,  
her\* gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms,  
her\* cradling arms sustain you,  
And hold you in her\* love,  
And hold you in her\* love.

\*alternative: "his"

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** "Toccata on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"  
("Picardy"), arr. A. Dalziel

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Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
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## **Life and Work – October 24, 2021**

**We gratefully accept the following donation to the Music Fund:**

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Robert Best, Renee & Family.

**We gratefully accept the following donation to Bridges to Hope:**

\*From Florence and John (Jack) Head

**We gratefully accept the following donations to the General Fund:**

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Dulcie Coombs

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from AOTS

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Clyde Flight

**We would like to send congratulations to Hannah Sheppard !!**

Hannah graduated from Queens College with an Associates Degree in Theology and a Certificate in Youth Ministry. Way to go Hannah !!

**Our call for a microwave has been answered !!!**

We would like to thank the family who generously donated a microwave to St. James United.

**Gifts with Vision Catalogues**

These are available at the church office. If you are interested in viewing or ordering you can drop by the office during office hours.

## **St. James Website - Family Resources**

Check out our new *Family Resources Page* on the St. James United website. You can find weekly stories, puzzles, and activities for children, youth, and families.

### **Meeting our New Minister:**

(Rev.) James has settled into St. John's, and looking forward to meeting members of our congregation.

A Masked Face-to-Face: (Rev.) 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.

**The Stewardship Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with the Anniversary Turkey Tea. If you are interested in helping, contact Robin Bartlett at 754-5409 or 682-3927

### **Regional Fall Learning Event:**

This year's Fall Learning event will take a lunch and learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The event is open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost.

Thursday, November 4, 2021: Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention/Response Policy.

Presenter: Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Thursday, November 18, 2021: Forest Church

Presenter: Susan Sheppard

Thursday, November 25, 2021: New Study Immersion

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (Our Moderator)

### **The Communication Committee**

1. We are putting the call out for volunteers to help in delivering the St. James Visitor. If you are interested, please email Sarah Norman at [srhnorman@gmail.com](mailto:srhnorman@gmail.com)

2. We are now accepting submissions for the St. James Christmas Visitor. If you have a story (fiction or non-fiction), poem, song, or any other item of interest you would like to share, please email it to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) with the subject line "Christmas Visitor Submission."

Deadline: Tuesday, November 19, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

**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!

## **St. James Anniversary Take-out Dinner Fundraiser:**

### **Turkey Cold Plates for Sale!**

**The Stewardship Committee** is holding a turkey cold plate, take-out dinner, fundraiser on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in celebration of our congregational anniversary.

Prepared by Coffee Matters in Mount Pearl, each meal will include: fresh roasted turkey, ham, two potato salads, macaroni salad, coleslaw, dressing, cranberry sauce, a roll & butter, and a cookie for dessert.

**Cost: \$12/meal, a great deal on a great meal!**

St. James will be receiving a portion of the cost of each meal.

Tickets are limited, so get them now by contacting:

Tracy Bishop at 722-1881 Mon - Fri from 10am - 2pm.

Robin Bartlett at 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com

Karen Brown at 689-7297 or tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com

Payments can be made by:

1. cash
2. cheque
3. e-mail transfer (EMT) to treasurer@stjamesuc.org
4. "Donate" button on St. James' web site, www.stjamesuc.org.

*Please write or type the note: "**for cold plates**"*

**Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021.**

*Don't be late or you won't get your cold plate!*

**Cold Plate Pick-up will be at St. James on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 4pm - 6pm**

**The committee is also seeking volunteers** to assemble and distribute the meals that day. For more information or if you are able to help out at all, please contact Robin 682-3927 or Tracy 722-1881

Thank you!

### **UCW Fall Bake-less Bake "Sale"**

Many is the time we've heard you say  
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today.  
And so, we are asking you to help more or less,  
to make our Bake-less Bake "Sale" a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take  
To bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake,  
Or send the amount of money it takes to buy  
a dozen rolls or maybe a pie.

Without fuss or bother, you can do your part.  
We're sure you will give with a willing heart.

This is the end of our little tale.  
Here's to the success of our Bake-less Bake "Sale"!

You can make a financial contribution by Saturday, November 6 in one of the following ways listed below.

Please indicate "*for the UCW Bake 'Sale'*" on your physical contribution or in the special instructions of your electronic ones

1. Cash or cheque

(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, Mon to Fri 10 am to 2 pm,
- d) mail cheque to:

St. James United Church  
330 Elizabeth Ave.  
St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9

2. Donate button/Paypal on the church website: [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org)

3. E-transfer to [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org)

For information, call Tracy at 722,1881, ext. 200.

The UCW thanks you so much in advance for your generosity and continued support in these unusual times!

### **Ways to Support the Call for a Guaranteed Livable Income**

Call or write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, and ask them to

- seize this moment to roll out a guaranteed livable income program in collaboration with the provinces, territories, and Indigenous leadership
- develop and implement a program that provides an adequate living level for everyone and addresses the persistent inequities that exist within the present wage and social benefit structures of our country
- address systemic barriers experienced by Indigenous peoples in accessing relief programs (for example, those related to COVID-19)
- build a program that is universally accessible, preserves human dignity rather than creates stigma, removes discriminatory barriers, does not penalize people for the work that they do, is available with a minimum of bureaucracy, and exists alongside other social supports, including health care, pharmacare, pension, and education supports.

\*You can write your own letter or find a template to personalize at: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>.

\*Prime Minister Trudeau's e-mail is [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

\*Chrystia Freeland's email [Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca).

\*Send a letter to your own member of Parliament as well.

Multiply your efforts by sharing with 10 friends and encourage them to write their own.



\*Show support through "We support Guaranteed Livable Income" lawn signs and bumper stickers. E-mail justice@united-church.ca for information.

\*Join the United Church e-mail network, Guaranteed Livable Income, to receive updates and opportunities to connect with others.

\*Share this Take Action on your social media networks. Use the hashtags #UCCan, #UCCanlivableincome, #poverty, #basicincome, #basicincomenow.

Learn more through information provided on The United Church of Canada website: united-church.ca, "Create a Guaranteed livable Income Program".

**Notice from Church Council:**

Vaccination Passports will be required to access many establishments in NL, and this includes Communities of Faith; our churches. Having discussed our options as indicated by the Government of NL and Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, First Dawn Eastern Edge. Regional Council, the Re-Opening Team, made a policy recommendation for St. James to our Church Council and this recommendation was subsequently approved. The policy is as follows and will be in effect as of Fri, Oct 22, 2021.

***St. James United Church will require that all who seek entry to our building for whatever purpose, including worship, will be required to present their Vaccination Passport or verify their vaccination status. Failure to do so will result in no admittance to our facilities. To eliminate "over verification", and with the individual's consent, a confidential record of those who enter the building frequently, and have been verified, will be maintained until the program ends, or the individual requests their name be removed. This will also apply to all internal and external groups who utilize our facilities. (They will be provided with written expectations).***

Upon arrival to St. James you will be met at the door of the church and required to present your Vaccine Passport for scanning and may be required to show verification of your identity. If you are an individual who is frequently in the building, you can ask for your name to be added to the confidential list of verified individuals, and your name will remain on that list until you request for it to be removed or the program ends.

We recognize that there may be delays entering the building due to the verification/scanning process. We suggest that you arrive early for Sunday worship, meetings, or appointments to avoid any congestion at the entrance. Please have your documents ready.

**Reminder:** The requirements for Masking, Social Distancing, and Registration have NOT changed.

I thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we once again adjust our daily living to combat the effects of this pandemic.

We are not alone as long as we have faith and each other.

Sincerely  
Marilyn Adams  
Chair, Church Council