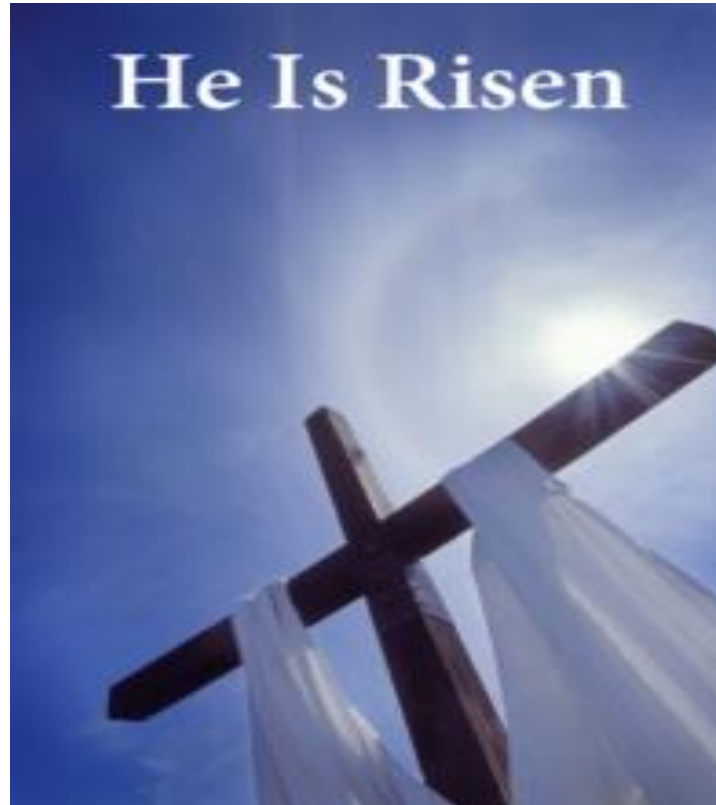


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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



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
Joanne Hapgood, BN, RN
March 3, 1959 - April 19, 2013
Love Mom and Dad, Dot and Dave Hapgood and Family

April 24, 2022, Second Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft

Accompanist: Amy Dalziel

Music Leadership: Alba Chen and Senior Choir

Ushers: Betty Winsor, Donna Downey and Barbara Butt

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME: *We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, German and Pashtun.*

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.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE *(inspired by Psalm 150)*

One: Let us sing praise to God for we live in the temple of creation.

All: God made the starry night and paints the morning sky.

One: Let us give thanks for the many ways that we experience the wonders of God's love.

All: Let us join the forests and seas, the mountains and plains as they sing of God's splendour and love.

One: Let us join the chorus of bird-song and wolf-calls praising God.

All: let us join with trumpets and drums, with choir-song and dancing.

One: From north and south, east and west, all creation praises God.

All: So let us join our voices to the grateful chorus as everything that breathes sings praises to God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection" Voices United 164

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen,
our Joy that has no end.

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We acknowledge the connection between work and worship, announcing what is going on in our congregation.*

OFFERTORY: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" *Voices United* 179, v 4

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Saving God, in you we live! In the resurrection of Christ, you have filled our hearts with grace and given all creation a new start. Grateful that you have made the Risen One the cornerstone of our lives, we share all that we are in service of your love, dedicating ourselves and our offerings to your Reign. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

We introduce Sunday's theme in a manner that is accessible to all ages.

ANTHEM

PRAYER OF NEW LIFE

READINGS: John 20:19-31; Acts 5:27-32; and "Walking with My Delaware Grandfather" by Denise Low

HYMN: "You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen" *Voices United* 185

1. You tell me that the Lord is risen,
that you have seen his face.
Then tell me why you crouch in fear
and hide within this place.
You say that he spoke words of peace
and stood just as before.
But 'til I touch his very flesh
I will not trust your joy.

3. "Now peace be with you. Come, my friend,
my wounded body see.
Let the rich courage of your doubt
bring you a fresh belief.
Fear not to wonder at the Word,
to search the depths of grace.
Reach out and touch, here is my hand.
Receive the gift of faith."

2. You claim a resurrection here,
that God has broken death.
No easy words like these will soothe
the pain that tears my breath.
How well do I recall his face,
compassion, strength in fear.
How deep my grief that he should die.
Spare me your words of cheer!

4. "How blest are they, how fortunate
who know without the sight.
But Thomas, you are favoured too,
for searching yields its light."
So may each pilgrim in the Way,
each road to Christ be blest,
'till lips declare, "My Lord and God!",
Christ's body one at last.

MESSAGE: "From Wounds to Wisdom"

We Respond

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(based on bible verses)*

One: We gather as a community in faith, each affirming our own understanding of that faith. As both many and one, let us offer words used by our ancestors, expressed in these passages from scripture:

Two: With the people of Israel we proclaim: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

All: With Peter we proclaim to Jesus:

"You have the words of eternal life. We believe you are the Holy One of God."

One: With Thomas we proclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

Two: And with John we uphold this truth:

"God is love. Those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them.

We love because God loved."

All: May these ancient words bring wisdom to our hearts.

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 *Voices United 960*

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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "Thine Is the Glory" *Voices United 173*

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where the body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won

2 Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb!
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth:
death hath lost its sting. **R**

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. **R**

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" *Voices United* 424

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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