

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.

May 15, 2022, Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Memorial Hymn Sing; Third Sunday of Asian Heritage Month)

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft

Music Director: Amy Dalziel

Music Leadership: St. James Guitar Group

Ushers: Sharon Seaward, Kennedy Collins,

Susan Pike

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME:

We extend greetings in Inuttitut, Korean, and Tagalog.

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 / CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come today to remember and celebrate.

All: to remember our loved ones and celebrate them in song.

One: We come today to remember and celebrate.

All: to remember all that God has done in Christ's love.

One: We come today to remember and celebrate.

All: to celebrate in faith, upheld in the power of God's Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

Voices United 409

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)

God of great gifts, as we gather for worship

we give you praise, give you glory, give you thanks!

**How can we not? You are the source of all blessing,
the wellspring of all life and grace.**

And so we joyfully offer our gifts back to you,

a sign of our desire to share in your coming kingdom, revealed through the resurrection of Christ.

Amen.

We Listen

INTRODUCTION TO THEME OF HYMN SING

HYMN: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Voices United 357

READING: Galatians 4:4-7

HYMN: "I, the Lord (Here I Am Lord)"

Voices United 509

HYMN: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

VU 563

READING: John 13:31-35

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Voices United 664

HYMN: "In the Garden" (*see insert*)

READING: Acts 4:31-33

HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River" *Voices United 710*

HYMN: "Church in the Wildwood" (*see insert*)

HYMN: "Will Your Anchor Hold" *Voices United 675*

READING: Acts 11:2-12, 15, 17-18

HYMN: "Deep in Our Hearts" *More Voices 154*

We Respond

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*

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" *Voices United 337*

SENDING FORTH

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Assistant Music Director:	Alba Chen
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor

In The Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. **[Refrain]**

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. **[Refrain]**

Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain:

Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Oh, come to the church in the wildwood,
To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;
Where the parting hymn will be chanted,
We will weep by the side of the tomb. **[Refrain]**

How sweet on a clear Sunday morning,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale. **[Refrain]**

From the church in the valley by the wildwood,
When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light. **[Refrain]**