

# 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 to the memory of a wonderful  
and loving husband, father, and poppy,

Donald R. Bartlett

November 29, 1930 - May 27, 2018

From Joy, Robin & Paul, Trevor & Janet, Allison,  
Kate, and Jennifer

**May 29, 2022, Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
(Fifth Sunday of Asian Heritage Month)

Leading Worship:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Music Leadership:	Glenda Winsor
Ushers:	Clifford & Carol Smith, Jean Thompson, Susan Pike, Marilyn Adams

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**We Come to Worship**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME:** *We extend greetings in Inuktitut, Urdu and Bangla.*

**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 97)*

One: Join all creation in singing God's praise.

**All: We join our voices to the sound of the dawn chorus.**

One: How can we keep from singing of God's goodness,

**All: of God whose love extends to every generation?**

One: God loves all who seek justice and righteousness.

**All: Let us rejoice and give thanks to God's holy name.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN:** "This Is God's Wondrous World" *Voices United 296*

**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 living justice and mercy,  
We live in a world where Sunday grace  
is quickly sidelined by Monday commerce,  
a reality that it is tempting to give in to.  
And yet here we are, here because we believe in you,  
Believe in the countercultural nature of the good news,  
and so are prepared to offer our lives  
and not just our financial offerings.  
Embolden us then to take a stand in your name,  
to extend your healing  
in service of a world renewed in your love.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **We Listen**

#### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

*We introduce the day's theme in a manner that is accessible to all ages.*

**SOLO:** "Be Unto Your Name"

#### **PRAYER OF NEW LIFE**

**READINGS:** John 17:20-26; "Ascension" by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and Acts 16:22-34

**HYMN:** "Breathe on Me Breath of God" *Voices United* 382

**MESSAGE:** "The Triumph of Love"

### **We Respond**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Today we share a contemporary adaptation of the Nicene Creed as found in Modern Liturgist.*)

**We believe in God the Creator!**  
Maker of everything,  
Author of the universe,  
And Mystery behind every matter.

**We believe in Jesus Christ!**  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human,  
One with the Creator,  
The Word made flesh and Saviour of all creation.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit!**  
Breath of God moving among us,  
One with the Creator and one with Christ,  
Our guide and the mentor of all creation.

#### **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:** “The Head That Once Was Crowned”    *Voices United 190*  
(*Sing to the tune of “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*)

### **SENDING FORTH**

**BENEDICTION:**    “May the God of Hope”                      *VU 424*

### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**