

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.

In loving memory of

Ben S. Lake

June 26, 1929, to November 3, 2019

From Maude, Elizabeth, Jean, Joan, Lisa, and families

**June 26, 2022, Memorial Sunday and
the Third Sunday after Pentecost**
(Fourth Sunday of Pride Month)

Leading worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Music leadership: Amy Dalziel and Stephanie Russell
Ushers: George and Jean White, Jean Thompson,
Marilyn Adams, and Susan Pike

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We extend greetings in Inuktitut, French, and Igbo as we gather as a community, lighting the candle as a sign of Christ's presence both with 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.

We Remember

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we come together today, we pause in remembrance,

All: recalling the seven hundred killed at Beaumont-Hamel.

One: As we come together today, we pause to seek healing.

All: carrying a deep loss that will always grip our hearts.

One: As we come together today, we pause to pray with hope,

All: trusting God's peace will triumph over humanity's war.

HYMN: "Weep for the Dead" *Voices United* 526 (tune: *VU* 527)

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of every nation, on this day we pause to remember those who lost their lives in the Great War many years ago. We pray that our weeping for them will not be in vain, but that the memory of their sacrifice will stir us into action to strive for a world where love and justice reign, where swords have been beaten into ploughshares and no one in our world learns war anymore. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Prince of Peace. Amen.

SOLO

We Share

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

OFFERTORY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures high and low,
give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate our offerings to the work of God's love, justice, and peace.

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

We explore themes of the day in a manner that is accessible to all ages.

HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" *Voices United 376*

PRAYER FOR GRACE

We open our hearts in preparation to hear the readings of the day.

READINGS: 2 Kings 2:1, 8-15a and Luke 9:51-62

HYMN: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" *Voices United 271*

READING: Excerpt from the final speech in "The Great Dictator"

MESSAGE: "True Discipleship"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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 *(in unison)*

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

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: "Ode to Newfoundland"

**When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
and summer spreads her hand.
When silvern voices tune thy rills
we love thee smiling land.
We love thee, we love thee,
we love thee smiling land.**

**As loved our fathers, so we love
where once they stood we stand.
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above,
God guard thee Newfoundland.
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland.**

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As deep as the ocean is the loving peace of God.

May that peace hold and bless you always.

All: Amen!

One: Go forth then to bring God's peace to all.

All: We go in God's grace. Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE