

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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



The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating, and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

St. James United Church July 10, 2022

Guest Minister:	Rev. Marion Davis
Minister of Youth/C.E.:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Ushers:	Jean Thompson, Susan Pike, and Marilyn Adams

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background, or sexual orientation.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather
For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country.
Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.
We acknowledge the people of the MicMac and Beothuk Nations, the Innu and Inuit of
Labrador past and present. We honor and thank them for their stewardship of this land
throughout the ages.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

One: The light of Christ is with us for

All: we need a source of unwavering light.

One: In Christ, although we are many,

**All: In a time of uncertainty and change,
we need a light to show us the way.**

One: May the light of Christ be this light for every one of us.

All: May it shine in our hearts all our days.

*Beth Johnston in **Gathering**, Pentecost 1, 2022*

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather in this place, open to new wisdom, something greater than ourselves.

All: We gather to worship.

One: Here may you find what you need.

All: Here in the presence of God, may we all be renewed for the week ahead.

One: Here, may God be glorified.

All: We are called to worship.

We need to worship.

Let us worship now.

*Elaine Bidgood Sweet in **Gathering**, Pentecost 1, p.35*

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

One: On you Holy One, our souls wait

All: Our hope is in you and from you, O God.

One: By your love you save us;
by your grace, you define us;
by your Word you give us refuge,

All: Our hope is in you and from you, O God.

One: So you bring us together:

All: in your confidence, your hope and your love. Amen.

*Adapted from Richard Bott in **Gathering**, Pentecost 1, page 43*

HYMN: "We Praise You O God"

VU 218

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Most gracious and caring God,

All: we turn to you trusting in your unfailing compassion.

We acknowledge before you that our thoughts,

actions, and words have, too often, betrayed the trust and commitment to which we are called. Free us from our guilt and guide us in your way of faithfulness; we pray in Jesus' name.

Laura J. Turnbull in Worship for All Seasons, Vol. 3, page 6

Moment of reflection.....

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Here is good news if we will but listen:
God loves us,
God forgives us, God accepts us and sets us free.
In the name of Christ we are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

Beaverlodge United, Worship for All Seasons, Volume 3 page 30

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS:

We have gathered our gifts together and have donated online, by PAR, by letter drop, as well as in the offering plate and now we dedicate them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

One: We bring our gifts to you, O God.

**All: Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts.
Accept what we offer and use them, through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" VU 378

We Listen to and for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: God of Word and worship,

**All: the words you speak have power:
power to create;
power to disturb;
power to heal.
Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 4:12-17

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91

SUNG REFRAIN: And I will raise you up on eagles' wings...

GOSPEL READING Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.

VOCAL SOLO: Stephanie Russell

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: "Time for Prayer"

PIANO SOLO: Amy Dalziel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO LIVE OUR FAITH

HYMN: "I Feel the Winds of God Today" VU 625

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE