

St. James United Church
A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
July 3, 2022



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.

In loving memory of
Rev. William Coish
From Wife Daphne and family

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Guest Minister:	Rev. Marion Davis
Minister of Youth/C.E:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Ushers:	Aubrey and Ruby Hill, 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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

One: The light of Christ is with us

All: Here, now, in this place.

One: In Christ, although we are many,

All: We are one. Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.

One: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: inviting us to worship.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: inviting us with love.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: calling us by name, calling us to grow in faith,

calling us to be made new. We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Adapted from Paul Fayer, in *Worship for All Seasons* vol. 3, page 24

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

One: Wisdom of God, we awaken and the day calls to us.

All: May we find you in our days.

One: We gather here and your Spirit calls to us.

All: May we find you in our midst.

One: When we worship, we experience the world
as you experience it

All: where your word and the world lead us today. Amen.

Robin Wardlaw in *Gathering*, Pentecost 1, 2021, page 43

HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River VU 710

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

We Listen to and for God's Word

HYMN: Let Us Build a House MV1

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: Amos 8:1-12

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 98

SUNG REFRAIN: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits Mary and Martha

VOCAL SOLO: Glenda Winsor

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: A Matter of Balance

REFLECTIVE MUSIC: Piano or Organ – Amy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO LIVE OUR FAITH

HYMN: Take My Life and Let it Be VU 506

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

HYMN: O Canada VU 524

ORGAN POSTLUDE