

# 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

## **Oct. 2, 2022, Orange Shirt Sunday and Worldwide Communion**

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, and Sr. Choir  
Ushering: Wayne and Michelle Skinner, Marilyn Adams,  
and Jean Thompson  
Communion Servers: Wayne and Michelle Skinner

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### **We Come to Worship**

**INTROIT:** "Many and Great Are Your Works, O God" (VU 308)

### **WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

*We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, Cantonese & Sinhalese.*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF KINSHIP**

### **HONOURING NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY**

#### **WITH A TIME OF LAMENT (based on Psalm 13)**

One: In these troubled times, we join with all burdened by injustice.  
We especially join our hearts to Indigenous peoples,  
with the survivors of the Indian Residential School system,  
whose pain echoes the words of the psalmist:

**All: Long enough, God -- you've ignored us long enough.**

One: For too long we have carried this ton of trouble,  
for generations lived with a stomach full of pain.

**All: Arrogant enemies have looked down their noses,  
laughing at the humiliation they have caused.**

One: And yet, you are the Creator of all things,  
and so we trust, confident that you are faithful, ever present to heal, ready with grace,  
patient in love.

**All: In these times, may all God's children  
– Indigenous, settler, newcomer – walk together,**

One: knowing that as we name truth, we will be made whole.

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

**God of compassion and love, as we gather for worship,  
we pause to remember Indigenous children who attended residential schools in our nation,  
praying for survivors of these schools, as well as their children, grandchildren, great-  
grandchildren, who are still struggling with the impact of their experiences. We pledge to walk  
in a spirit of truth, healing and reconciliation, acting on this commitment every day. Amen.**

**HYMN:** "God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie" *More Voices* 53

#### **We Share**

**OUR LIFE AND WORK:** *We share what is going on in our community.*

**OFFERTORY:** "For the Gift of Creation" *Voices United* 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts which we give.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#### **We Listen**

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

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

**HYMN:** "In Suffering Love" *Voices United* 614

**CENTERING PRAYER**

*We quiet our minds in preparation to hear the readings of the day.*

**READINGS:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Luke 16:19-31

**ANTHEM:** "This Do In Remembrance of Me" (J. Hunnicutt)

**MESSAGE:** "Living In Remembrance"

### We Respond

**HYMN:** "We Gather Here" *Voices United* 469

#### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

One: Welcome friends and relations! We meet here in the house of the Creator, gathered together at the great feasting table.

**All: The Holy One who walked with our ancestors, walks with us now and will walk with our children for years to come.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*see insert*)

#### **THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

#### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

One: Bread of life, broken in union with the hurt of the world. Cup of blessing, poured out as an act of hope. Sacred meal, shared in commitment to Jesus' way of love.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*There is a central station to receive bread and side stations for juice served in communion glasses. Consume elements where you receive.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** "Now to Your Table Spread" (*VU 456*)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*in unison*)

**For the bread we have eaten, for the drink, we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that we may grow in compassion and understanding, that we may live lives of loving action, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### We Leave to Serve

**HYMN:** "For the Healing of the Nations" *Voices United* 678

#### **BENEDICTION**

One: As we go forth from here:

**All: may we be strong in spirit, courageous in will, and gentle of heart.**

One: Each day may our actions be:

**All: rooted in wisdom, nurtured by hope and open to love.**

One: May we meet others as we would wish to be met:

**All: with a heart of compassion, in a spirit of healing, and grounded in joy.**

#### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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