

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 in loving memory of Brother:

Derek T. Butt

(March 16, 1953 – November 14, 2021)

from sisters Glenda Winsor, Gloria Le Feuvre and Families

This Bulletin is dedication in loving memory of:

Wilfred (Will) Snelgrove

(Nov 13, 1937 - Nov 26, 2021)

Ever loved, always remembered by Wife Sylvia, Daughters Erna,
Lynnen and Families.

November 13, 2022

Leading Worship Today: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist: Amy Daziel; Music Leadership: Guitar Group
Ushering: Kim and Gerry Mayo, Susan Pike,
Marilyn Adams, and Jean Thompson

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIGHTING OF THE RECONCILIATION CANDLE

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (VU 232)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of new beginnings, **begins with us here in this place.**
The God of re-creation, **re-creates dead-ends into new living.**
The God of dreams, **dreams in us a new world.**
The God of wholeness, **brings a new kind of harmony into this world.**
The God of vision, **envisions new possibilities in us.**
The God of love, **loves our lives and yet makes them new.**
Come, let us worship our wondrous God.

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are creating a new heaven and a new earth, and you call us to be part of that re-creation. So here we gather to hear again your good news for this world and for ourselves. Open our eyes to see what you are doing, open our ears to hear your words that create this new thing, and open our hearts to the re-creation that begins for us, here in this community. Bless us in hearing your promises today as we offer ourselves in worship and trust in your good news here among us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING HYMN: Spirit Open My Heart (MV 79)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

Keep us in hope and attuned to your presence and working, O God. Then may these and all our gifts, given for your vision of a just and peaceable Creation, be used well. May they bring your realm to flower here among us and in all places, to the glory of your name. Amen.

HYMN: Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life.
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, wonderful words of life.
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life.
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven:

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life.
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Saviour, Sanctify forever:

SILENCE

READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19

ANTHEM

MEDITATION

HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (VU 375)

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (VU 670)

PARTING WORDS:

We have no reason to fear the storms within, nor the storms without,
for we are bound together in a strong community of love.
And wherever there is love, there is God.
**May we be a people of enduring vision and hope,
renewing the Earth with transforming love.**

BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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