

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.

November 6, 2022 – Remembrance Sunday

Leading Worship Today: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Organist: Amy Daziel; Music Leadership: Senior Choir
Ushering: Kim and Gerry Mayo, Susan Pike,
Marilyn Adams, and Jean Thompson
Communion Servers: Kim and Gerry Mayo
Trumpeter: John Austin

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We extend words of greeting in Inuktitut, French and Tagalog as we gather as a community and light the candle as a sign of Christ's presence.

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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: “O Canada” (*see insert*)

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK

We acknowledge the connection between our work and our worship as we take time to announce what is going on in our congregation and community.

OFFERTORY: “In Gratitude & Humble Trust” *Voices United* 544

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. O God, you give yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

We Remember

CHORAL INTROIT: “Weep for the Dead” (*verses 1 and 5*)

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*):

God of Shalom, each year at this time we hold in our hearts the memory of men and women who lost their lives in war. Even as we do, we are aware of conflicts impacting our world, and so recognize that like those who came before us, we too our called to share our lives in such a way that love overcomes hatred, compassion wins over judgment and peace stands guard against violence of all kinds. We pray in the name of One we call Prince of Peace. Amen.

ANTHEM: “In Flanders Fields” (*Eleanor Daley*)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (*adapted from Hebrew Union Prayer Book*)

One: We remember with sorrow all whose lives were lost, whom death has taken from our midst. We recall them with reverence.

Two: In the rising of the sun and its going down:

All: We remember them.

One: In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter.

All: We remember them.

Two: In the opening buds and the rebirth of spring.

All: We remember them.

One: In the blue of the sky and the warmth of summer.

All: We remember them.

Two: In the rustling leaves and the beauty of autumn.

All: We remember them.

One: In the beginning of the year and when it ends.

All: We remember them.

Two: When we are weary and in need of strength.

All: We remember them.

One: When we are lost and are sick of heart.

All: We remember them.

Two: When we have joys that we yearn to share.

All: We remember them.

One: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us

All: as we remember them.

LAST POST, TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE, REVEILLE

HYMN: "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (*Voices United 659*)

We Listen & Respond

READINGS: Sirach 38:16-20 and Isaiah 2:5

MEDITATION

HYMN: "As We Gather at Your Table" (*Voices United 457*)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Whenever we gather at table, we share as Jesus did,

All: sharing in love through a simple meal, seeking peace so we in turn may be sent out to bring peace to others.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*respond to portions in bold*)

One: God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts. **All: We open them to the Holy.**

One: Let us give thanks. **All: It is good to give thanks & praise.**

It is good to give thanks to you God our Father and Mother, our Source in love and our Destiny in the peace of a new creation.

On this Remembrance Sunday we gather at your table in memory of Jesus, your faithful servant and our brother. We thank you for his life of non-violent resistance to the powers of hatred and injustice, a witness which brings peace to our broken world. Through his self-emptying love, our swords are transformed into ploughshares, our hostility changed into forgiveness, and our alienation into reconciling community. For the gift of his transforming love, we praise you as we join in the hymn of all creation:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you our God. Blessed is he, blessed are we, blessed are all who come. Hosannas ring, archangels sing. Blessed are all who come. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Powèr and might. Heaven and earth are full of your light. Glory to you, our God.

Blessed are all who come to you, compassionate and faithful God. With loving tenderness, you have gathered your people, and filled us with a longing for peace that would last and for justice that would never fail. Through countless generations, your people yearned for freedom and from them, you raised up Jesus, the Word that brings liberation from injustice, your Word of love that continued to speak even when hatred tried to silence him forever.

And so we give thanks that on the night before his life-giving death, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, saying: "Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to lay down their life for their friends." To make his command yet clearer, he took bread, gave you thanks and praise, and then broke the bread, giving it to his disciples, saying: "Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given for you". In the same way at the end of the meal, he took the cup. Again, he praised you, gave the cup to his disciples and said: "This is the cup of blessing, sign of the new covenant in my life's blood. Whenever you do this, remember me." Remembering him in all that we say and do, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again(x2)

Loving God, in this meal we remember all that Jesus did to extend your peace, suffering at the hands of a broken humanity, accepting his death in total love, free of retaliation, revenge, and retribution, a sacrifice vindicated in resurrection. Therefore, with grateful hearts we offer to you the gift that you have given us, the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation.

Fill us with his Spirit through our sharing in this holy meal. May the Spirit of peace change our hearts so that enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, and nations seek the way of justice and love together, until in your new creation, the fullness of your peace will be revealed, where people of every race, language, religion, and way of life are gathered together to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Mother and Father, forever and ever.

All: Amen, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen. (x2)

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(please pray in your first language)*

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.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

One: Bread of life, broken in union with the brokenness of the world. Cup of blessing, poured out in hope for peace. Sacred meal, shared in commitment to Jesus' way of nonviolent love.

All: Thanks be to God.

There is a central station to receive bread (served with tongs), and two side stations to receive juice served in glasses. During communion, the Senior Choir will sing "Long Ago and Far Away" (More Voices 195), and "Eat this Bread" (Voices United 466)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

God of Shalom, you have gathered us at this table of your remembrance. We thank you for nourishing your community with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Peace-filled Blessing. May this sacred food sustain our commitment to overcome fear with trust, injury with pardon, and hatred with nonviolent love. We ask this through Christ, your gift of peace. Amen.

We Leave to Serve




PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: "Ode to Newfoundland" *(see insert)*

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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