

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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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  
**Mother, Sadie M. Butt and Aunt Mildred Legrow**  
From Glenda Winsor, Gloria Le Feuvre, and Families.

**April 30, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Molly Anderson  
Ushers: Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

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*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an \*.*

**We Come to Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME:** *We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, Yoruba and Korean.*

\* **HYMN:** "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" (*Voices United 179, v. 1-3*)

**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.*

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE** (*based on Psalm 80*)

One: As God's flock we have gathered together,

**All: having heard the voice of our divine shepherd.**

One: God raises us up and restores us in gentle love,

**All: God shines grace upon us and makes us anew.**

One: God liberates us as long ago, setting a people in a new land,

**All: planting them like a tree which grew strong.**

One: May we be planted once more, renewed in God's life.

**OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**Like a shepherd you lead us, O God,**

**guiding us to green pastures and protecting us from harm.**

**Like a gardener you tend us, O God,**

**watering our roots and keeping the weeds from taking over.**

**Like a mother, you comfort us, O God,**

**holding us close and yet encouraging us to grow strong.**

**We thank you O God, for the many ways you love us.**

**May we in turn extend your love. Amen.**

## **CELEBRATING EASTER JOY**

*We take time to share jokes, riddles and other expressions of joy.*

### **\* PASSING THE PEACE OF EASTER**

*We greet one another with signs of Christ's peace, conscious of the need to be respectful each other's health and comfort in this time.*

### **We Share**

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

**\* OFFERTORY:** "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" (*Voices United 179, v 4*)

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;  
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name. Come  
let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;  
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.**

### **\* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

### **We Listen**

### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

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

**HYMN:** "Praise Our Maker" (*Voices United 316*)

**READINGS:** John 10:1-10; 1 Peter 2:19-25; and "Abundance" by Amy Schmidt

**SOLO:** "Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground" (*Ralph Wardlaw*)

**MESSAGE:** "Abundant Life"

### **We Respond**

**HYMN:** "The Lord's My Shepherd" (*Voices United p. 747*)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We take time to pray for the needs of our global and local communities, knowing that what we pray for we also are called to do something about.*

**SUNG PRAYER OF JESUS (Lord's Prayer):** (*Voices United 960*)

### **We Leave to Serve**

\* **HYMN:** "He Leadeth Me" (*Voices United 657*)

\* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:**

From this Easter celebration we go:

**Blessed by God who raises us to new life;  
in the company of the Risen One who walks with us still;  
in the power of the Spirit who renews us in grace. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**St. James United Church**

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
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## Life and Work - April 30, 2023

**Summer Edition of The Visitor:** The Summer edition of The Visitor needs you. Please send any stories, poems, or reflections about the church, faith, or the community at large, so we can showcase this congregation. Send all to the following email:

[gpwarren98@yahoo.com](mailto:gpwarren98@yahoo.com) with "Summer Newsletter" in the subject line. Entries **must** be in by **Monday, May 1**. Maximum 300 words and entries may be edited for clarity or space.

**Reflective Wednesdays at Noon:** Each Wednesday throughout Easter, (Rev.) James will continue leading an informal communion service and bible study focused on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in the Fellowship Room.

**Swing into Spring dessert party fundraiser: Friday, May 12 at 7 pm:** St. James Stewardship Committee is delighted to invite you to come together to swing into spring at our dessert party with background music, mystery wine pull, and a door prize draw! Taste numerous delectable desserts, mostly home-made by our congregation's very talented bakers!

Tickets: \$10 and can be purchased at the office starting on Friday, April 28. Call: 722-1881 or email: [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

Only 120 tickets in total! Mystery wine-pull corks: \$15 (will be sold at the party)

*(There will not be a concert or a silent auction this time. An on-line auction is being planned with the assistance of Wayne Bartlett Auctions for early June. Details to follow later.)*

We gratefully request donations of:

- a variety of desserts, including diabetic and gluten-free ones. Please e-mail Karen Brown at: [tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com);
- bottles of wine -- call or text Paul Walsh: 690-2767 or by email at: [jpaulwalsh1209@yahoo.com](mailto:jpaulwalsh1209@yahoo.com);
- and for the on-line auction, donations of new items; gift cards, activities and experiences.  
Please call or text Robin Bartlett at (709) 682-3927 or by email at: [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com);

**Sewing Studio:** On Mondays, St. James 1pm-3pm and Memorial United 7pm-9pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers, and crafters welcome.

**First United Church Mount Pearl - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Morning Coffee and Cake Walk -** The UCW are sponsoring this event on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in Trinity Hall from 10:30am to 12 noon. Tickets are \$8.00 each and are available immediately following our 11 am Sunday services, through UCW members, or at the Church on weekdays from 10:00 to 12 noon

until May 3rd. Get a group of your family and friends together, make up a table of 6 and enjoy the event. Come see how our cakes walk! Tickets will not be available at the door so please purchase them by May 3rd.

**Rock Yourself on the Ocean:** Coastal Sounds CBS Community Choir under the Direction of Dr. David Buley, presents ROCK YOURSELF ON THE OCEAN, a Concert of Music Celebrating Newfoundland and Labrador, with Special Guests, The Celtic Fiddlers, on Sunday May 7 at 3 P.M. at Worsley Park Club House in CBS, Tickets \$20 and are available at [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) Limited Seating, Worsley Park is located at the intersection of Chamberlains Road and CBS Highway.

**QUILTS AND FIBRE ARTS FESTIVAL:** On Friday May 12th, 4-8pm and on Saturday May 13th, 10am-4pm, the sanctuary of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Cornwall Crescent, St. John's will be a sea of colour, handiwork and beauty. We are expecting over 200 quilts from quilter's guilds all over the Avalon, along with fibre arts (rug hooking, weaving, needlework, crocheting, felting, embroidery and more) on display. There will also be a special exhibit to honour the amazing talents of Gertrude Elton, a very gifted fibre artist at St. Mary's. Downstairs in the auditorium, there will be a HUGE quilt and fibre arts sale, along with a coffee bar and baking sale coordinated by the Ways and Means Committee. Help us spread the word and do plan to attend. Admission is \$10 at the door, with "Music on the Hour" throughout the day, courtesy of MUN Music Education students. You won't want to miss this event--and what a fabulous place to purchase a gift for Mother's Day too!