

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:
Joanne Hapgood, BN, RN
Love Dad, Dave Hapgood and Family.

April 16, 2023, Second Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Jean Rose
Ushers: Kim and Gerry Mayo, Susan Pike and Marilyn Adams

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

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME: *We extend greetings in M'ikmawi'simk, Spanish and Igbo.*

* **HYMN:** "This Is the Day that God Has Made" (*Voices United 175*)

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 16*)

One: Give thanks to God, our portion and cup.

All: In God we find strength, yesterday, today and evermore.

One: Let us bless the Lord in whom we find wisdom.

All: God goes ever before us, the One in whom we trust.

One: So sing out with glad hearts! May our spirits rejoice!

All: In God is the path of life and fullness of joy.

One: In God's presence we are secure forevermore.

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Life-giving God, we gather today in thanks,
conscious that we depend on you for all we need,
for you are the source of all life and joy.**

**Renew us, Holy One, and guide us in your love,
that in our worship and in our work,
we too may be life-giving, drawing on your grace
in all that we do in this your world.**

We pray in the name of your Risen Christ. 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 of each other's health and comfort in this time.

We Share

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

A MINUTE FOR RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS

* **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 20:19-29; 1 Peter 1:3-9; quote of Leonard Cohen

ANTHEM: "I Cannot Tell" (written by W. Y. Fullerton)

MESSAGE: "Wounds Yet Wonder"

We Respond

HYMN: "You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen" (*Voices United 185*)

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:** "Christ Is Alive" (*Voices United 158*)

* **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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Life and Work - April 16, 2023

Office Closure: The St. James Church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. We will reopen on Wednesday morning.

Sunday after Service: This Sunday, April 16th, after the service, we will be having a coffee hour and celebration of our volunteers in the auditorium downstairs.



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 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.

Interfaith Vigil in Support of a Guaranteed Living Income: The vigil that was previously scheduled for March will be held in our sanctuary this Saturday at 2:30 pm. Join friends from the interfaith community as we encourage our elected officials to keep pushing to end poverty in our community.

Sewing Studio: A reminder that we will return on Monday, April 17th for 6 weeks on the following schedule. St. James 1pm-3pm and Memorial United 7pm-9pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

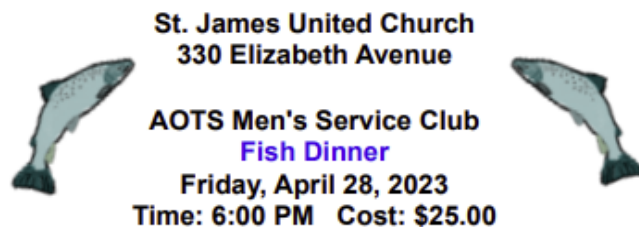
Men's Club: will meet on Wednesday April 19 with lunch served at 1:00pm as usual. New members always welcome!

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.

Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium: On Saturday, April 22nd at 6pm. Bring something to share for supper and stay for fun playing board games and even a game of cards!

Wildlight Spiritual Oasis: Gathering on April 22 @ 2PM at Susan's to celebrate Earth Day. Dress for the weather.

AOTS: Fish & Brewis Dinner: Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306



A Petition to Help Kids in Our Neighbourhood: Did you know that there are **29 students** living in the area of Terra Nova Road/Valleyview Apartments/Crosbie Road/Portia Place **that are being denied access to education?** They attend St. Andrews Elementary School but are not given a bus because they are included in the 'family responsibility zone'. Few of these families, many of whom are newcomers to Canada, have vehicles. These children have no other choice but to make a **3 km** round trip twice a day along busy roads. In the winter it is **very dangerous** because few of the sidewalks are passable. Parents must walk with their young children to school. It is not uncommon for a parent to accompany their school aged child while also pushing a stroller or holding a toddler's hand. **Without safe transportation, many of these children miss school.** A group of parents have been trying to get their children bussed to school but have been ignored **by the School District for two years.** **These families need our help to amplify their voices. Please sign the petition asking the school district to finally help these families. The petition is available to sign at the church.**

Easter Butterflies:

In memory of: Dorothy Hapgood, Olive and Roy Pike from Susan, Stephen, Rebecca and Kyle.

In memory of: husband Carlson Emberley and son Brian Emberley from Ann Emberley.