

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.

In Loving Memory of a Wonderful Mother,
Grandmother and Great Grandmother
Dorothy Hapgood
Love, Dave Hapgood and Family

In Loving Memory of a Cherished Mother
Roma Paul
From: Nancy & Anthony
The love and joy you gave us will never be forgotten.
You will always be our guiding light.

May 14, 2023, Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day and Second Sunday in Asian Heritage Month

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and Senior Choir
Ushers: Peter and Shirley Barbour, Jean Thompson
and Susan Pike

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

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "How Sacred Is This Place" (*Bourgeois/F. Pratt-Green*)

WELCOME: *We share greetings in Inuktitut, Bangla and Japanese.*

* **HYMN:** "Bring Many Names" (*Voices United 268*)

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 66:8-20*)

One: Children of God, come into God's house!

All: We come to sing praise for all God has done!

One: Give praise to God who birthed the world,
animating all of creation with the breath of life!

**All: We praise God who continues to uphold us,
lifting us up and surrounding us in grace and love.**

One: In God we live, move, and have our very being!

All: Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Mother of all, we gather with eager hearts.

As we come, we feel the warmth your ever-present love.

**Be with us now in your nurture and compassionate care,
giving us the strength and insight to go into your world
to embody your liberating love as Jesus did before us.**

In his saving name, we pray. 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.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION: *We learn about the work of the wider church.*

* **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 introduce Sunday's theme in a manner that is accessible to all ages.

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

READINGS: John 14:15-21; Ephesians 4:1-7, 24, 31-32;
"The Raincoat" by Ada Limón

ANTHEM: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (John Rutter)

MESSAGE: "Mothering God"

We Respond

HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" (*Voices United 376*)

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:** "Now Thank We All Our God" (*Voices United 236*)

*** 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

St. James United Church

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director:	Bob Rose
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
Office Administrator:	Stephanie Harnum
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor

Life and Work - May 14, 2023

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

- * In loving memory of our Mothers, Margaret Babstock and Mildred Murphy, from Linda and Ed Murphy.
- * In loving memory of our Parents and Maxine's sisters, Geraldine, Louise and Brother Clarence. From Maxine and Tom Rose.
- * In loving memory of my mom Julia Andrews, Mother-in-law Mary Downey, Cousin Winona Kelsey. From Shirley Downey
- * In loving memory of Mother, Ruby Hiscock, from Daughter Patsy
- * In memory of our mothers, Anastasia Hann and Mary Dyke from Sid and Menetha Dyke
- * In memory of mother, Ivy G. Hann from Nellie and family
- * In memory of Dorothy Hapgood for Mothers Day. From Luke and Cathy Grenning

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

- * In loving memory of May Stokes, from Daughter Jean and Family.

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

- * In loving memory of Mother, Mildred Blackwood and Sister, Ida Dowden from Lorna Jamieson

We accept the following donation to the UCW:

- * Lovingly remembered on our first Mother's Day without her: Mom - Dot Hapgood. Love you forever. Susan, Stephen, Rebecca, and Kyle.

Rev. James Away on Study Break: Rev James will be away at school to pursue his Doctorate of Ministry from May 29 to June 12, 2023. Susan Sheppard and Rev. Rebecca Pike will be taking care of any emergencies while he is away.

Men's Club: The men's club will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 12:30pm with lunch served at 1:00PM.

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

No Eventide Service on Mother's Day: As today is Mother's Day, a time to celebrate the many "moms" in our lives. Because we don't want to keep anyone from spending time with their loved ones, we will have only a scaled back fellowship time after worship (just coffee or tea for those who aren't rushing off). We will also not be having our regular "The Sunday Table" Eventide service this evening.

Sharing in the Celebration Church: Each Sunday morning during worship at St. James we take time for people to share something that they are celebrating, like a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, or anything at all! If you are joining worship from home, we would love to include you in this time. So email us at info@stjamesuc.org with information on what you would like to celebrate, and we will include it as part of our "Celebration Church" time during the Sunday Service! Let's all celebrate together!

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.

Teachers on Wheels Volunteer Tutor Recruitment Training Workshop, Saturday, May 13: *Are you interested in helping others to improve their literacy or in helping non-English speaking immigrants to learn English (ESL)?* Then please volunteer for Teachers on Wheels! Due to increasing demand, we need more volunteer tutors! If you can speak, read and write English, you can be a tutor. The next tutor training workshop is Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

For more information and to register, please contact Tom Dawe, Executive Director at 738-3975 or by email at: teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com. Also view the website at: www.teachersonwheels.ca . Thank you.

-- Robin Bartlett, Chairperson, Teachers on Wheels

Memorial Hymn Sing: Sunday, June 4, 2023

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 26, 2023

All dedications will be acknowledged in Memorial Hymn Sing bulletin.

For a paper copy of the Memorial Hymn Sing Form call the office at 709-722-1881 or email us at: info@stjamesuc.org.

Payments can be made via cash/cheque (cheques can be made payable to St. James United). You can place your form and payment in the secure drop-box to the right of the office entrance or drop it to the office during office hours. You can also email your form to info@stjamesuc.org.

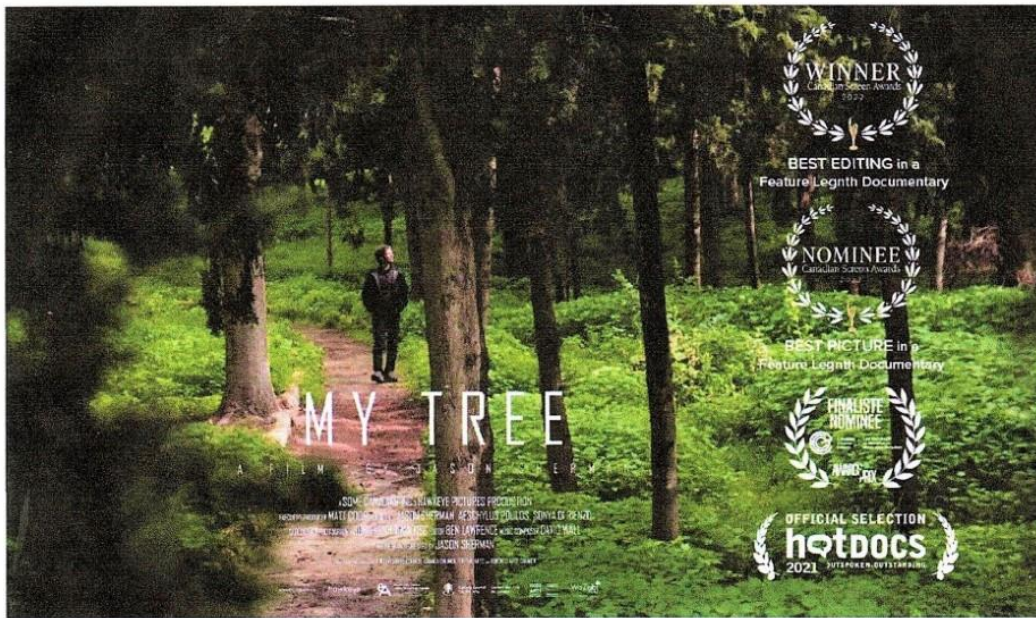
Electronic payments can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org or click the "Donate" button on the website. ****Please note "Hymn Sing" with your payment****

A tax receipt will be issued.

Hymn Selections from which to choose:

1. *Amazing Grace*
2. *Deep in Your Hearts*
3. *Here I Am Lord*
4. *In the Garden*
5. *Just a Closer Walk with Me*
6. *Morning Has Broken*
7. *Precious Memories*
8. *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
9. *Will You Walk with Me*
10. *Will Your Anchor Hold*

Please note that we are not including "Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore" in this year's list of hymns. We have a policy in the United Church not to include in public worship songs that were written by composers found to be guilty of sexual abuse, especially of minors. Regrettably that is the case of Fr. Cesareo Gabarain. We apologize for this, but the spiritual and emotional well-being of everyone who is present at worship must be our primary concern.



"In marking Nakba Day in conjunction with the people of Palestine"

St. John's Solidarity with Palestine

will be presenting a feature documentary

"My Tree"

in the Lecture Hall, Gower Street United Church,

Monday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. (free admission).

Any donations to "Bridges to Hope" will be greatly appreciated.

"My Tree" follows writer and producer **Jason Sherman** on his visit to Israel in search of a pine tree planted many years ago in celebration of his bar mitzvah, and his discovery on that journey.

Please consider wearing a mask for everyone's protection.

Gower Street United Flipper Dinner: The Gower Service and Social Club (formerly Gower Men's Club) will be holding a Flipper Dinner Take-out on Saturday, May 27. The cost is \$30, and the pick-up time is between 5 pm and 6 pm. To obtain tickets, please get in touch with the church office by phone (709) 753-7286 or email OFFICE@GOWERUNITED.COM.