

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 Celebration of life of 90 years for:
Nina Abbott

July 2, 2023, Memorial Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel
Ushers: Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson,
Donna Downey and Barbara Butt

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

*We share greetings in Innu-aimun, Korean and Yoruba as we gather as a community.
We light a candle as a sign of Christ's presence with us.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND KINSHIP

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE:** *We greet one another, conscious of the need to be respectful each other's health and comfort in this time.*

We Remember

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As we gather, we remember the battle at Beaumont-Hamel,

All: recalling the more than seven hundred killed that day.

One: As we remember, we also seek comfort and healing,

All: carrying a deep loss that will always grip our hearts.

One: As we seek healing, we pray in hope of a better tomorrow,

All: trusting God's peace will triumph over humanity's war.

*** TIME OF SILENT REMEMBRANCE**

*** HYMN:** "Weep for the Dead" *Voices United 526 (tune: VU 527)*

*** OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

God of every nation, on this day we pause to remember the loss of so many lives on one fateful day 107 years ago, and the heartache brought to so many families and communities. We pray that our weeping will not be in vain, but the memory of such sacrifice will stir us into action and we strive for a world where love and justice reign, where swords are beaten into ploughshares, and no one learns war anymore. Amen.

We Share

LIFE AND WORK: *We highlight activities in the congregation & beyond.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING: *There are many ways to share your financial gifts with St. James United Church. There are plates as you enter the church in which to place your offering, you may contribute by pre-authorized remittance (PAR), via e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), sent through the website (www.stjamesuc.org), mailed to the church office or dropped into our secure mailbox. However you give, the congregation is grateful.*

* **PRESENTATION HYMN:** "Spirit of Life" (Voices United 381)

Spirit of life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

HYMN: "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" (MV 173, v. 1-2, 4-5)
(Sing to the tune of "The King of Love" – St. Columba)

PRAYER FOR GRACE

READINGS: Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42

ORGAN SOLO

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

HYMN: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" (Voices United 626)

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the needs of our global and local communities, knowing that what we pray for we in turn are called to do something about.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

**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.**

We Leave to Serve

*** PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: "Ode to Newfoundland"**

**When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
and summer spreads her hand.
When silvern voices tune thy rills
we love thee smiling land.
We love thee, we love thee,
we love thee smiling land.**

**As loved our fathers, so we love
where once they stood we stand.
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above,
God guard thee Newfoundland.
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland.**

*** BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

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
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Life and Work - July 2, 2023

A week of study: Rev. James will be on a study break from July 3 to 11.

We're Invited! Joint Affirm Services Sunday, July 23rd: Gower Street UC has invited the congregation of St. James UC to come to worship with them for a joint Pride-Focused Worship on Sunday, July 23rd to celebrate Pride Week and Pride Sunday. As the Two Affirming Congregations in the city, they are extending an invitation for all who would like to attend worship that Sunday morning, join them in a light lunch and then join in walking (if you are able) in the Pride Parade @1:00pm. Rev. James will join Rev. Rebecca in leading worship at Gower. We will have a lay-led worship service at St. James for those unable to attend the joint Gower/St. James service. If you are interested in attending the joint service, can you please advise the church office this week 722-1881 ext. 200 so we can be sure we have sufficient carpool in place as needed. You are also welcomed to meet us at Gower Street if you prefer to take your own car. If you have questions please contact Susan Pike susanpike@warp.nfld.net or Rev. James james@stjamesuc.org.

Summer Student: Jill Sheppard, a summer student, who started last week will be updating our membership list. You will get a phone call from her over the next 5-6 weeks asking if the information that is on file with St James is correct. Please take the time to either answer the call or return the call when it's convenient for you and give her the information she is requesting. The last time our membership list was updated was about 5-10 years ago.

Broadview Magazine Subscriptions are now up for renewal. If you would like to renew your subscription or receive a yearly subscription for the first time, please contact Barry Cutler for more information at (709) 685-9030 or by email at: barrycutlernl@gmail.com Yearly subscriptions increased to \$30.00

St. James Mini Lunches will continue throughout the summer months. If you are able and would like to help Linda on a Sunday of your choosing, could you please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship room. She could use our support.

Have old glasses you no longer need? Reminder, we have a Lions Club donation bin for old eyeglasses that can be used to help others in need. The bin is located on the coffee table in the office area OR the glasses can be passed along to the ushers for placement in the bin. Please note this is for Glasses ONLY. They do not take the cases.

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!

2023 Memorial Services

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension
Monday, July 3, 2023 at 7 P.M

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road
Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 7 P.M

Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way
Monday, July 31, 2023 at 7 P.M

Please Note:

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M the next evening.