

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

330 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9



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.

**June 25, 2023, Indigenous Peoples Sunday
and the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Andie Winsor
Ushers: Ruth Baker, Menetha Dyke,
Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

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

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

*We extend greetings in Inuktitut, Ukrainian and Urdu as we gather as a community.
We light the candle as a sign of Christ's presence with us.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

*We give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward it;
we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from a prayer in The Dancing Sun*)

One: We come with thanks to our Creator who is always with us:

All: speaking in the call of a loon and the flight of an eagle.

One: With thanks to our Creator, with us as seasons change:

**All: inviting us to rest in winter and seek new life each spring,
to grow in summer and to let go in love each fall.**

One: With thanks to our Creator, always with us,
whether we are with others or we are on our own:

**All: found in our search for new understandings of ourselves,
discovered in new visions for our communities.**

One: Let us give thanks to God, our Creator:

All: present now and always with us.

* **HYMN:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (*VU 291, v. 1, 2 and 5*)

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

O God our Creator, we gather today as family, as community, conscious that we are not alone, but blessed by all who came before us and responsible for all who will come after us. We are here not just as humans but related to all living things, to birds, animals, fish and insects, to trees and all plant life, and all life here because of the stones and sand and soil, gifts of the earth, our mother, giving life and calling us in love. As we gather in prayer, help us open our hearts to each other, to all we experience around us, each and everyone our relation. In the name of Jesus our elder brother, we pray. Amen.

We Share

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

A MINUTE FOR RECONCILIATION

We look at reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples.

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:** “Deep in Our Hearts” (*More Voices 154*)

PRAYER FOR GRACE

READINGS: Genesis 21:8-21; Matthew 10:24-39;
Excerpt from *Embers* by Richard Wagamese

SOLO: “We Must Learn to Walk Together” by Lisa Waites

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

We Respond

* **HYMN:** “For the Healing of the Nations” (*Voices United 678*)

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

* **HYMN:** "This Is God's Wondrous World" (*Voices United 296*)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

One: As vast as the expanse of land, sky and sea,
and diverse as the life that calls them home,
is the love and peace of God.

May that expansive love and peace hold and bless you,
as you in turn bring love and peace to all.

All: 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

Office: 722-1881, x200; Email: info@stjamesuc.org;
Emergency Cellphone: 351-0983; Website: www.stjamesuc.org



@StJamesUCNL



@StJamesUnited



@stjamesuc

All worship services at St. James are Live Streamed via video for our online congregation. By participating in this service, you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please speak to an usher who can seat you in an area not visible on camera. You may also speak to Rev. James after the service if you have concerns. All music and lyrics, not in the public domain, are reproduced / broadcast under ONE LICENSE. License #: #A-700000.

Life and Work - June 25, 2023

Congregational Meeting: Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret to inform that the congregational meeting scheduled for today, Sunday June 25th has been rescheduled to July 9th. The necessary pieces and people did not come together as we had hoped. The issues to be brought forward are very important to our congregation and Council wishes to provide a complete reporting when we meet.

Summer Student: Jill Sheppard, a summer student, who started on Tuesday 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

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!

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.

Stewardship Committee St. James' first on-line auction was a big success raising nearly \$2,500 to support our church's work and services!! As predicted, this is approximately double what we usually raise with our internal auctions. More than 2000 viewed the site for our auction; 42 registered as bidders, over half of whom were first-time participants on bartlettauctions.com. This publicity also helped to increase public awareness of our St. James community, our inclusive views, our mission and our work.

Thank you to all donors and successful bidders! We could not have had an auction without your contributions (100 items composed 71 lots) and we certainly would not have had such a successful one without the purchasers and the wider awareness through the help of Bartlett Auctions.com as well as public service announcements (PSA) on Facebook and the radio media.

Special thanks to these local business supporters:

Wayne Bartlett, Bartlett Auctions
Scott Hillyer (Coffee Matters) and Emma Hillyer (Merchant Tavern)
Vogue Optical, Churchill Square
Tickle Trunk
Desi-Meal Indian and Pakistani Restaurant and Grocery Store
Quintana's/Arriba's
Sharington's
Synergy Supplements
GDP Consulting
Country Ribbon
Holiday Lanes
Urban Salon
Sequerra's Restaurant
Piatto's, Elizabeth Avenue
Tim Horton's

Songwriters Circle Concert: Please join us on Thursday, June 29th for a Songwriters Night Fundraiser at Topsail United Church at 7 until 9 P.M., featuring Multi Award Winning Artists, Justin Fancy, Mallory Johnson, Gordon Cormier and Special Guests The Cormiers. Tickets \$25 and are available at the Church Office at 834-4567 or via email at office@topsailunited.ca



Out in Faith NL presents

Stronger Together

A Pride Week Multi-faith gathering for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and allies, celebrating the intersection of queerness and spirituality.

Thursday, July 20, 2023

at 7:00pm

The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road,
St. John's

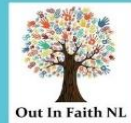
*Music from
Spectrum Queer Choir*

ASL interpretation by Triangular Communications

All are welcome
An accessible venue
(Parking at The Basilica)

 Masks are requested

For information: OutInFaithNL@gmail.com



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.