

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.

JUNE 11, 2023, THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Leading Worship: Rev. Stephanie Rose

Music Leaders: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and The Senior Choir

Ushers: Shirley and Donna Downey, Marilyn Adams,
Jean Thompson, and Susan Pike

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: As we light the Christ Candle, we honour God's presence.

All: The same God who guided Abram across the desert under starry skies to a new home.

One: May God light our journey of worship today.

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.

ANNIVERSARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (June 10th)

HYMN: "To Abraham and Sarah" (*Voices United* 634)

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 33*)

One: Come, gather, people of faith, for our God is great, worthy of praise.

All: We will praise God with our whole hearts. We will sing of God's glorious deeds.

One: Look upon the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars, which God has set in place.

All: How majestic is God's name in all the earth! We stand in awe of God's creation.

One: By the Word of God the heavens were made; all their starry host by the breath of God's mouth.

All: We will sing a new song of joy to our God. For God's word is right and true; God is faithful.

One: The earth is full of the steadfast love of God. God's unfailing love fills the earth.

All: We trust in God's holy name. We put our hope in God.

One: Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness. Let us sing to God a new song.

All: Our hearts rejoice in God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, creator of all, We are humbled by the wonder of Your creation and the unfathomable depth of Your love for us. As we gather here to worship and to sing praises to You, we invite Your Holy Spirit to guide us, to enlighten us, and to inspire us. Open our hearts to receive Your Word, our minds to understand Your teachings, and our souls to resonate with Your truth. In these

holy moments, may we know Your presence among us, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” (*Voices United 559*)

SHARING AND CARING

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We acknowledge the connection between work and worship, announcing what is going on in our congregation.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: (from Minute for Missions 2023)

OFFERING HYMN: “Spirit of Life” (*Voices United 381*)

DEDICATION OF GIFTS:

Generous and loving God, receive all that we offer you today, bless it and multiply it that it may serve to help our neighbours at home and around the world. Bless our giving, in Jesus name, Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “When in our Music God is Glorified”

F. P Green/Charlies V. Stanford (Voices United 533)

LEARNING TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Source of Light, as we approach Your Holy Word, open our hearts and minds. Guide us in understanding, inspire us with Your wisdom, and help us to see Your truth. May these scriptures light our path and shape our lives. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

READING: Genesis 12:1-9 (NLT)

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

So, Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and

dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshipped the Lord. Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

READING: Matthew 9:9-13 (NLT)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So, Matthew got up and followed him.

Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices. 'For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.'"

READING: Matthew 9:18-26 (NLT)

As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. "My daughter has just died," he said, "but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her."

So, Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, for she thought, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."

Jesus turned around, and when he saw her, he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus arrived at the official's home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. "Get out!" he told them. "The girl isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him. After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up! The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.

HYMN: "O God Beyond All Praising" (*Voices United 256*)

Choir v. 1-2, Congregation join v. 3

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

RESPONDING to THE WORD

PRAYING TOGETHER

...We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, our Saviour who taught us when we pray to say....

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in 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.
— Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)**

HYMN: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (*Voices United 288*)

SENDING

COMMISSIONING

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
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We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

In memory of Rod Soper from Joan Soper.

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

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, June 25. We encourage all to attend, if possible.

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.

Social Outreach and Environmental Action Committee

Please help people find an affordable place to live! Numerous local residents and newcomers are struggling to find affordable accommodations in our highly-priced rental market with low availability. If you have any information about houses or apartments for rent anywhere, please contact the church office, or Robin at (709) 682-3927, The Association for New Canadians at (709) 722-9680, or post and "share" this information on any of the rental Facebook group sites and/or the following Facebook group sites. Thank you!

Neighbors in Need St. John's
Neighbours in Need Newfoundland
Newfoundland and Labrador Help/Host Ukrainians (mostly NE Avalon);
Need Something? Got Something?

St. James First Online Auction Continues... Note new start date!

With the in-kind donated, technical assistance of **Bartlett Auctions' website**, St. James first on-line auction is now happening! On-line auctions are easy to participate in and a lot of fun! Thanks to our generosity of many local businesses and individuals, we received quite a variety of items to compile **40 to 50 auction lots** including: preserves; a home-knit sweater; six bottles of wine; home

furnishings and décor; giftware; three rocking horses; gift cards (for stores, restaurants, movies and bowling); **a professionally prepared, four-course dinner for 10 people, donated by Coffee Matters**, and much more!

To view the items, go to www.bartlettauctions.com.

Bidding will begin at 8 pm on Friday, June 9 and continue until bidding stops -- one lot at a time -- at 8 pm to Tuesday, June 13. Bidding registration and procedure details are listed on: <https://bartlettauctions.com/register-to-bid>. We also simplified and printed these directions for those who are less computer literate. For help with registering and bidding, please contact Paul at (709) 690-2767 or Robin at (709) 682-3927.

Notes for bidders:

- when you've been outbid on a lot, it will show which one on the screen;
- at 15 minutes before each lot closes;
- and one minute before each lot closes.

Most bidding action happens in the final hours, minutes and seconds as the clock counts down and each lot closes one by one! So don't miss out on the action and fun!

Payments are electronically made to the registered bidders' credit cards and the invoices/receipts are automatically sent to the bidders' e-mail accounts. Once paid, you may drop by the church office before 1:30 pm, from Wednesday to Friday, June 14-16 to pick up your items. ***We greatly appreciate everyone's donations and support! Thank you!***

Topsail United Church will be hosting an Afternoon Tea including a Bake Sale on Wednesday June 21 from 2 until 4 P.M. Entertainment provided by Avalonia. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance by calling the Church office at 834-4567.

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

Memorial Hymn Sing:

Precious Memories:

- In memory of our Parents, Maxine's Sisters, Geraldine, Louise and Brother Clarence from Tom and Maxine Rose
- In memory of Adolphe (Al) Penney from Minnie and Family.

Will Your Anchor Hold:

- In loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, Husband, Dad and Poppy from Betty Pilgrim

Will you Walk with Me:

- In memory of Loved Ones from Jean House-Babstock

Deep in our Hearts:

- In memory of parents Sarah and Louie Taylor from Helen and Family

Morning Has Broken:

- In memory of Gilbert Hiscock Jr and Lona Hiscock from Sister Donna

In The Garden:

- In Loving Memory of Father, Albert Styles from Ron Styles
- In memory of Brother Dave Pardy from Kevin and Marilyn Pardy

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.