

# 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.

July 9, 2023

Leading Worship: Rev. Guy Matthews, Susan Pike  
and Gloria LeFeuvre  
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Glenda Winsor  
Ushers: Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson,  
and Susan Pike

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## We Come to Worship

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

**SING:** "Be Still and Know" (MV) 77

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND KINSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Longing to see God in the Holy and the Ordinary,

**All: we open our eyes and our hearts.**

One: Hungry for meaning, acceptance, and love,

**All: we gather here within the mystery of God.**

One: Yearning for greater peace and fulfillment in our lives and in the world,

**All: we gather with our neighbours within the friendship of Christ.**

One: Seeking renewed hope, understanding, generosity and compassion,

**All: we gather in the embrace of this family of faith, surrounded by the Holy Spirit.**

One: Let us worship together.

**HYMN:** For The Beauty Of The Earth (VU) 226  
(Tune of Dix)

### OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

You touch our lives in many ways, O God -

you raise us up when we are sick, or afraid, or discouraged;

you ground us when we are distracted and on edge;

you inspire us when we have lost a sense of who we are;

you accompany us on the many and varied journeys

we undertake daily; Be with us in this our place and time of worship. Give us the direction we need to face the future with hope and energy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!

**(Adapted from a prayer by Bill Steadman)**

## We Share

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

**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:** This is the Day (MV) 122

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** Here, O God, we present our offerings as signs of our faithfulness and gratitude. May they be used for the work of the church, the Body of Christ, in the world; to make a difference; to encourage those who may be struggling to see you: and to share the love of Christ through love and action. May these gifts and our living be acceptable in your sight. Amen!

### We Listen

#### READINGS:

First Lesson: Matthew 5:13-16  
God will be revealed through our good works, rooted in faith

**SOLO:** "Let the Mystery Be" Iris DeMent

Gospel Lesson: John 6:25-36  
Despite the miracles already performed the crowds still want another sign.

**HYMN:** Open My Eyes, That I May See (VU) 371

#### SERMON

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS** (*in unison*)

### We Leave to Serve

**HYMN:** In The Bulb There Is A Flower (VU) 703

#### \* BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Live wholeheartedly!

**All: God calls us to make every minute count.**

One: Live with generosity!

**All: God calls us to give time, talent, and resources beyond our limits.**

One: Live faithfully!

**All: God calls us to remember to whom we belong.**

One: Live Lovingly!

**All: God calls us to work for those whom others have forgotten.**

One: Let's go out to be the living and loving Body of Christ.

**All: Amen! (Adapted from a prayer by David Sparks)**

#### POSTLUDE

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#### St. James United Church

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
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Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
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## Life and Work - July 9, 2023

### **We accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:**

- \* In memory of Dorothy Acreman from the UCW.
- \* In loving memory of husband Carlson and son Brian Emberley from Ann Emberley.

### **We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:**

- \* In loving memory of Thomas Hill from wife Joyce and family.

**We offer our condolences to** Rick Seaward and family on the passing of his father, William (Bill) Seaward on June 19, 2023. Funeral Service was held on June 23, 2023 from Carnells.

**We offer our condolences to** the Bourne and Acreman families on the passing of Dorothy Acreman on June 21, 2023. Funeral service was held on June - 26, 2023 from Barrett's Chapel.

**We offer our condolences to** Anthony, David, Heather and Sudan on the passing of their mother, Rev. Wendy Cronhelm on June 29, 2023. Her funeral was held at St. James on July 4, 2023

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

**Save the Date:** Wild Light Spiritual Oasis (Forest Church) is hosting a "Five Senses Meditation" on July 22 at 2:00 pm. Location TBD. Stay tuned for more information.

**We're Invited! Joint Affirm Services Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net) or Rev. James [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org).

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**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.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE:** Weekly "Flyer" Specials - Useful items for Bridges To Hope - July 6 - July 12, 2023

Walmart -	Clover Leaf Tuna - \$0.97
Dominion -	Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99
Sobeys -	KD Kraft Dinner - 4/\$5.00
Lawtons -	Heinz Tomato Soup - 2/\$1.50
Colemans -	Primo Pasta - 4/\$5.00
	Jade Mandarin Oranges - 5/\$5.00

No Frills - Campbell's Soup - \$0.99  
Clover Leaf Tuna - \$0.99

Bridges To Hope are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month and the item for **JULY** is dry pasta (macaroni, spaghetti, rotini, etc.). Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

**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](mailto: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!



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](mailto: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.