

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for October 22, 2023



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, 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:
Dorothy Hapgood
A wonderful loving wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother.
When you love what you have, you have everything you need.
Dave and Family

October 22, 2023, Reformation Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Ushering: Aubrey and Ruby Hill, Marilyn Adams,
Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

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

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LAND & KINSHIP; SHARING OF PEACE

We share greetings in Innu-aimun, Turkish and Spanish as we gather with thanks for the land and commit to be a fully inclusive community.

INTROIT: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (VU 262) V.1

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 46*)

One: Come, take refuge in God, our fortress and strength.

All: From the storms and struggles of life, we come.

One: Come, rejoice in God, our peace and our comfort.

All: From fear, worry and unrest, we come.

One: Come, open your hearts to God, our fountain of grace.

All: With thanks for all the ways we are blessed, we come.

OPENING PRAYER

One: We come, Holy One, seeking your blessing.

**All: We come in faith, trusting in you the source of all grace,
in you who has blessed the world in and through Christ,
in you who enlivens us through the gift of your Spirit.**

**Be with us as we listen to your word and seek your truth,
that blessed in you, we may bless others in your love.**

We pray in the name of Jesus, your fount of blessing. Amen.

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

We Share

A MINUTE FOR MISSION: *We reflect on the work of the wider church.*

OUR LIFE AND WORK

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. In whatever way you give, the community is grateful.*

* **PRESENTATION HYMN:** “In Gratitude & Humble Trust” (*VU 544*)

**In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to
serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God, you give yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.**

We Listen

PRAYER OF OPENNESS

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** “Ev’ry Day Is a Day for Thanksgiving” (*More Voices 185*)

READINGS: Isaiah 45:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22; Excerpt from
John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

ANTHEM: “Now Thank We All Our God” (*J.S Bach*)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

We Respond

* **HYMN:** “You Servants of God” (*Voices United 342*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *We pray for global and local concerns,
knowing that what we pray for we also are called to do something about.*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Voices United, p. 921; in unison*)

We Leave to Serve

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

BENEDICTION

One: As we go forth from here:

All: may we be strong in spirit, courageous in will, and gentle of heart.

One: Each day may our actions be:

All: rooted in wisdom, nurtured by hope and open to love.

One: May we meet others as we would wish to be met:

All: with a heart of compassion, in a spirit of healing, and grounded in joy.

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Council Chair:	Michelle Skinner
Lead Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director	Bob Rose
Office Administrator	Stephanie Harnum
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We acknowledge the following donation to the UCW:

In loving memory of Dot Hapgood. Ever remembered, Deeply missed. Love Susan, Stephen, Rebecca and Kyle.

Wildlight Spiritual Oasis: The event scheduled in the Worship Calendar for October 28 will need to be held on a different date. Stay Tuned.

Helping our Tent City Neighbors: As you are aware, a tent community has popped up across from the Confederation Building as a way for those most impacted by the housing crisis to bring attention to the matter. Rev. James has been up to see the people a couple of times to offer them support and has been in conversation with Rev. Amanda of St. Mark's Anglican Church as they do the same. Through these conversations we have determined a couple of ways that we can help.

1. Prepare care packages. These would include both treats like a drink, chips, a bar, and personal care items like deodorant and a pair of socks. We need donations of these items, plus bags to package them in. We are also seeking packagers.
2. Join a roster of churches providing hot meals. Examples of meals include stew, soup and a sandwich, chili, packaged individually for ease of distribution. We are seeking food donations, packaging donations and meal preparers.

If you would like to help, please contact Robin Bartlett, chair of our Social Action and Outreach Team. Email her at: robinbartlett1224@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor to help our neighbors.

AOTS: Fish & Brewis Dinner: Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306



St. James will be having their first Trunk 'N Treat on Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 2:30 - 4:00. For those you who are unfamiliar with the idea, children would simply come to the parking lot and go trick or treating from car to car, and people would proceed to give out treats from their trunks. Decorating their cars or wearing costumes are encouraged for those who will be attending but children are not required to have a costume. As of this time, there are no such events in our area so a large turnout is expected. These events have been very well received in other areas.

If you would like to participate on the day of, no pre-registration is required. Simply show up and get ready to have some Halloween fun! If you are unable to attend and would still like to participate in some way, we will be accepting

donations of treats up until Sunday, October 22, 2023. For those unable to get out shopping, monetary donations are welcomed as we have a "Boo Crew" who would be more than happy to shop for goodies. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during regular business hours or at one of our Sunday services.



The Administration and Communications Committee is looking for you! We are looking for members and you do not have to have computer skills, just the desire to share what's happening at St. James. We only meet, at most, 6 times a year and the work can be both fun and rewarding. Just ask our volunteers who help put The Visitor together! So, if this is something that may interest you, please leave your contact information with the church office and we will get right back to you.

UCW Fall Sale - November 4, 2023:

Our Fall sale is approaching! It's November 4th.
Get your ticket beforehand, or else at the door.
For an \$8 ticket, this will enable all hungry patrons to sit at a table.

With servers all ready for you to come in.
The coffee and tea cups, they will fill to the brim.
Try muffins and tea buns and along with all these,
good raisin bread, tasty jam and hard cheese.

Move along to home bakery, there's no need to bake!
Buy tea rings and cookies, and a favourite cake,
muffins or fruit loaves, fine sponges or tortes,
light crusty rolls, or pleasures of all sorts.

We'll have two lovely baskets, try your luck!
If you win it, we're sure you'll be pleased with all that is in it.
The success of our sale surely depends on support we receive from church family and friends.

If you will not be at the Morning Coffee and Bake Stall and you would like to buy tickets on the gift baskets, they are \$2 each or \$5 for three tickets. Please contact Barbara Adams at 709-697-5565

St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue

Morning Coffee & Bake Stall



Sponsored by the UCW
St. James Auditorium



Saturday, November 4, 2023

Co-Conveners: Daphne Coish: (709) 722-3196
Betty Pilgrim: (709) 726-6923

Time: 9:45 – 12 Noon Cost: \$8.00

St. James 65th Anniversary Dinner Celebration: Tickets can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer treasurer@stjamesuc.org or by Paypal. The deadline to get your tickets is November 10th. For additional information please contact the church office at info@stjamesuc.org



St. James United 65th Anniversary Dinner Celebrations

LIVE MUSIC | FOODS | PARTY

Friday, November 17, 2023

Start at 6 for 6:30 pm Emcee: Gary & Lou of NL Now
(Jake Thompson)

Tickets \$45 Featuring:
Wayne Button and Friends
Rachel Cousins

