

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for May 5, 2024



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.

May 5, 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship & Music: Amy Dalziel, Susan Pike,
Paul Walsh, St. James Guitar Group
Ushers: Marilyn Adams, Carol and Clifford Smith,
Barbara Butt, Michelle and Wayne Skinner

Print in bold indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We acknowledge the land, Indigenous peoples and commit to full inclusion.

INTROIT: “Precious Memories”

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come today to remember, to worship, to celebrate.

All: to remember our loved ones and celebrate them in song.

One: We come today to remember and celebrate.

All: to worship God with thanks for Christ’s love.

One: We come today to remember and celebrate.

All: to celebrate in faith, upheld in the power of God’s Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,

We come together to remember and give thanks:

to remember those who went before us

and to give thanks for how they share life in you

through the power of Christ’s resurrection.

They live as we all live, through your gracious love,

leading us in hope to the promise of a new Eden

revealed in Christ, your living Word. Amen

HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” (*Voices United* 409)

SHARING THE PEACE OF EASTER

We greet one another with signs of Christ's peace, offering a wave, a bow, a hand to the heart, a prayerful wish for the blessings of Easter.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

We Share with Love

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

OFFERTORY: *There are many ways to share financial gifts with St. James United Church. If you prefer not to place a contribution in the offering plate, 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: *We dedicate our offerings to God's love as we sing "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" (Voices United 179, v 4)*

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name. Come
let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

**God of great gifts, as we gather together we give you thanks!
You are the source of all blessing, the wellspring of all grace.
And so we joyfully offer our gifts to you, a sign of our desire to share
in your kingdom of life, revealed in the resurrection of Christ, in whose
holy name we pray. Amen.**

We Listen and Respond

INTRODUCTION TO THEME OF HYMN SING

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (see powerpoint)

READING: John 21:4-12a

HYMN: “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (*VU 563*)

HYMN: “I, the Lord (Here I Am Lord)” (*Voices United 509*)

READINGS: John 21:15-19 and John 14:12-20

HYMN: “Will Your Anchor Hold” (*Voices United 675*)

HYMN: “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me” (*Voices United 635*)

READING: Luke 24:13-27

HYMN: “In the Garden” (*see powerpoint*)

HYMN: Church in the Wildwood” (*see powerpoint*)

READING: Luke 24:28-34

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We take time to 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 (*Voices United 960*)

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” (*Voices United 703*)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Council Chair:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
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Life and Work - May 5, 2024

We offer our sincerest condolences to the families on the passing of their loved ones:

* George Rex Wadland passed peacefully away at the of age 89 years. At his side, his loving wife of 37 years Beatrice Picco-Wadland. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at the Carnell Memorial Chapel.

* Dorothy Rose “Dot” Jenkins (nee May), passed peacefully away at the Health Sciences Centre on Saturday, April 20th, surrounded by family, at the age of 78. Funeral service was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at The Carnell Memorial Chapel.

* Helen (Elsene) Selena Brace passed peacefully away on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, at L.A. Leonard Miller Center at the age of 98 years. Funeral was held on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at St. James United Church.

* Marion Abbott passed peacefully away at home surrounded by her family, at the age of 82 on Friday, April 26, 2024. Marion was a member of Gower United Church and her funeral was held on Monday, April 29 at 4pm at Barrett’s Funeral Home.

* Shirley Amelia Gray (Norberg) Age 95, passed peacefully away, April 28, 2024, at St. Patrick’s Mercy Home, in the presence of her loving family. Service was held at Barrett’s Funeral Home Chapel, Hamilton Avenue on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:00.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Music Program:

* In memory of Harvey Weir from the Guitar Group

We acknowledge the donation to the UCW Bake Stall:

* from Effie Parsons

We acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of her Sister, Olive Maize (nee Snelgrove) from Effie Parsons.

Away for School: Rev. James is away in Toronto until May 17. Rev. Rebecca will be covering pastoral emergencies while he is away.

AOTS: The May meeting of the men's club will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at the church. We will meet at the usual time 12:30 with the meal served at 1:00. New members are always welcome. Please note the change of meeting day for this month.

Help for Pentecost Service on May 19: A couple of requests for Pentecost. 1. Can you speak a language other than English, including ASL? Then we need your help for Pentecost Sunday during which we hope to have short readings in multiple languages (at least 7). 2. Would any crafters be willing to make flames that we can hang in place of the butterflies. Various sizes on cardstock would be great! If you can help in either of these tasks, let Rev. James know. Email james@stjamesuc.org).

Were you baptized as an infant and now would like to be confirmed as a full member of the church (or perhaps you had your child baptized as an infant and it is time for them to be confirmed and become a full member? We are trying to gauge interest in a confirmation course. Contact Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org) to let him know.

Summer Student: St James United Church is accepting applications for summer employment from interested, energetic youth aged 15 - 30 years under the Canada Summer Jobs initiative.

Scope of work:

Office/administrative duties; Archival preparation; Outreach; and Communications

Hours of work: 35 hours per week

Hourly wage: \$15.60

Anticipated start date: June 25, 2024 for a period of 8 weeks.

Application/resumes should be forwarded to:

Student Employment
St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue
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Email: info@stjamesuc.org
Subject; student employment



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