



**St. James United Church**



330 Elizabeth Ave,  
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### **Celebration of Worship for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**



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.

# June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. Robert Tuck,  
Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir.  
Ushers: Gerry King, Barry Cutler, Jean Thompson,  
Marilyn Adams, and Susan Pike

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*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an \*.  
Print in bold indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

## **We Come to Worship**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP (BACK COVER)**

**INTROIT:** “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (*VU 336, v. 1*)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

M: Christ himself is our peace, he has destroyed the walls that  
divide us.

**P: He came and preached peace to those far off  
and peace to those nearby.**

M: Through him we have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**P: We are no longer foreigners and aliens,  
we are now fellow citizens with God's people.**

**M: We are now members of God's household, AMEN**

\* **HYMN:** “See the Morning Sun Ascending” (*Voices United 406*)

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

**Gracious God, we praise you for your great love towards us. We thank you for the heritage you have chosen us for, for the promises you have made to us, for the many gifts that you grant us for the living of our days. Lord, we remember how, before your death and resurrection, you said you would be with us always. Help us to realise your presence with us now, O God, in this time of worship.**

**May we in this time of prayer and praise, of listening and speaking, serving, come alive in You - and You in us - through the power and love Christ's Spirit. Amen.**

### **We Share**

**OUR LIFE AND WORK:** *We share what is going on in our community.*

**OFFERING:** *There are many ways to financially support St. James. You can place your contribution in the plate, scan the QR code on the left, donate via PAR, website ([www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org)), e-transfer (email [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org)), or mail to the church office. In whatever way you support St. James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts available by request.*



**OFFERTORY:** "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.**

### **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

### **We Listen**

### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

*We explore the theme of the day in an age-appropriate format.*

**HYMN:** "Come, Children, Join to Sing" (*Voices United* 345)

**READING:** *At end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*  
Acts 16:16–34, Psalm 97 (*Voices United* 817)

**HYMN:** "The Risen Christ" (*Voices United* 168)

**READING:** *At end of the reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*  
John 17:20-26

### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

**ANTHEM:** "River in Judea" *Marcus/Feldman, arr. John Leavitt*

## **PRAYERS OF CONCERN & PRAYER OF JESUS (VU 921)**

### **We Leave to Serve**

\* **HYMN:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (*Voices United 651*)

### **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we trust in God's presence with us.**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we walk on paths of Spirit's leading.**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we will work for a better tomorrow.**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we go out in faith, hope and love!**

### **POSTLUDE**

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#### **Land acknowledgement**

**We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we work as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has been lost forever and can never be recovered. We also acknowledge the island of Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and to respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all."**

**(borrowed from First Light with appreciation)**

## **St. James United Church**

Chair of the Church Board:	Pamela Norman
Visiting Minister:	Rev. Robert Tuck
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
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**We accept the following donation to the General Fund:**

\* In memory of my parents; founding member of the church Willian and Ruby Vallis from Betty Vallis-Sherstan

**Memorial Hymn Sing Donation:**

\* In memory of Joan and Clifford Andrews from Linda Andrews

**Away for Study:** From May 23, Rev. James is in Toronto for another class. He will return on June 7 in time to celebrate Pentecost on the morning of June 8 and the United Church's 100th Anniversary celebration at Gower United that same evening. While he is away, Rev. Rebecca will be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. You can reach her at 709-764-3740.

**Taizé:** Taizé will be delayed for a week because Rev. James will still be away in Toronto on June 4. It will now be the following week on Wednesday, June 11 instead.

**Pub Theology:** Thursday, June 19 @ 7 pm at Guv'nor Pub. A time to explore questions of faith, spirituality and ethics over a beverage. No question is too big or too small. See you there.

**Join us for our *Centennial Hymn Festival***—a joyful celebration of 100 years of music in the United Church of Canada, featuring a preview of new hymns from our upcoming resource, *Then Let Us Sing*. The festival will be held on Sunday, June 29th at 3:30 PM in the sanctuary of St. James United Church. Come and raise your voice in beloved hymns of the past century and enjoy stirring anthems by the St. James Senior Choir and the Islington United Church Senior Choir from Toronto, conducted by Jason Locke. All are warmly welcome to this uplifting afternoon of music and fellowship. A freewill offering will be received at the door.

**Seeking non-English language speakers:** We are planning to include languages other than English for our Pentecost service on June 8. Please email Rev. James ([james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)) to let him know what languages you speak and if you would be willing to read a short prayer or reading.

## 2025 Memorial Services:

The dates for the Memorial Services are as follows:

**Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension**

Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7 P.M.

**General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road**

Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7 P.M.

**Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way**

Monday, July 28, 2025 at 7 P.M.

**Please note:**

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M. the next evening.

**Welcoming Guests:** On the weekend of June 7-8, our region is hosting several people from the General Council Office as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary as a denomination. We are receiving two guests for our morning celebration on June 8 - Rev. Jennifer Henry (who will be our guest preacher) and Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa. Then on the evening of June 8, it is the United Church's 100th Anniversary celebration at Gower United. You can attend in person (go very early to get a seat) or watch online (<https://www.youtube.com/live/bh4sW1kdpWo>).

**Church Planning Retreat:** On June 21, members of the church board and chairs of committees will be meeting for a retreat to develop a ministry plan and set priorities for the coming year. Held at Queen's College from 9 am to 2 pm, this retreat is open to anyone from the congregation who would like to participate. As one person noted in the table groups at our Annual Congregational Meeting, "Everyone Belongs." Please register with Stephanie by June 14th.

**Bible Study:** For the rest of this season, we will look at the Book of Acts, exploring the following chapters.

June 1 (via Zoom): Chapters 15-19

June 8 (on site): Chapters 20-28

To join on June 1, you can use this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85863880930?pwd=RPx5RXR1qMZKSjMfQqkViyLvbQ3Pg.1>