



St. James United Church



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

Celebration of Worship for June 15, 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.

In Loving Memory of our Father
Eric Paul
From: Nancy & Anthony
“The love and wisdom that Dad shared will
always guide us.”

June 15, 2025, Trinity Sunday

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Clyde Flight, Amy Dalziel, and Jessica Willcott
Ushers: Paula and Tim Reynolds, Marilyn Adams,
Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

*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

*We greet each other in Innu-aimun, French & Turkish as we
acknowledge the land and local Indigenous peoples and commit to full
inclusion for all.*

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*We continue to extend welcome with signs of Christ’s peace, offering a
wave, a bow, a hand to the heart, a prayerful wish for God’s blessings.*

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God – Creator, Provider, and Source of all Life!

We give praise to the One who delights in all things!

Praise Christ – Friend, Companion and Incarnate Lord!

We give praise to the One who came to dwell among us!

Praise the Spirit, God’s Advocate, Comforter and Holy Guide!

We give praise to the Spirit who speaks with grace and truth!

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy One and Holy Three, divine community of love -
we praise you as we gather in prayer on this day!

**We pray for your grace to open a space in us:
a listening space for you to speak your Word,
a nurturing space for you to breathe in love,
a holy space for you to dwell today and always. Amen.**

* **HYMN:** "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" (*Voices United 312*)

We Share in Love

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), e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), or mail to the church office. In whatever way you support St. James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts available upon request.*



* **HYMN:** "Spirit of Life" (*Voices United 381*)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving me the shape of justice. Roots hold close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life come to me, come to me.

* **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** "I Come with Joy" (*Voices United 477, v 1, 4 and 5*)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and John 16:12-15

HYMN: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" (*More Voices 10*)

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, "Thanks be to God."
Excerpt from J.R.R. Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,
"The Land of Shadow"*

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT: *We pause for a time of quiet reflection.*

SOLO: "I Bind unto Myself Today"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *We pray for others, including the concerns written on slips of paper as people arrived for worship.*

PRAYER OF JESUS (Voices United p. 921)

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision" (*Voices United* 642)

* **A BLESSING FOR FATHER'S DAY** (*adopted from Joanna Harader's Mother's Day Blessing. www.spaciousfaith.com*)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:**

POSTLUDE: *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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Chair of the Church Board:	Pamela Norman
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Life and Work – June 15, 2025

We accept the following donations to the Cemetery Fund:

- * In loving memory of Cecil Cole from Muriel and family
- * In loving memory of Don Marshall from Vera and family

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

- * In memory of our Fathers, Lewis Babstock and Edward Murphy from Linda and Ed Murphy.
- * In loving memory of Dad, Fred Higdon from Cheryl, Karen, David & Kelly and Family.

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 ASAP if you have not done so already.*

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.

Summer Solstice - Wild light Spiritual Oasis Event: Our June gathering will be held in Rev. James and Glen's backyard on Friday, June 20 @ 7PM. Please email Rev. James for the address.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Summer Ushers: If you can help Usher on a Sunday during the summer please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule or contact Susan Pike 709-685-5613 susanpike@warp.nfld.net
Your help is always appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Sunday June 29th - Centennial Hymn Festival Luncheon and Concert: We will need volunteers for the luncheon and the concert. If you have time to help with the luncheon and/or supply food or help usher at the concert please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule or contact Susan Pike 709-685-5613 susanpike@warp.nfld.net or Amy Dalziel 709-765-1003. We have some items secured.....we require few more sandwiches, lots of sweets and people to hand out programs and cover the doors for the concert. We always appreciate your support.

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.



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29 JUNE
SUNDAY 3:30PM ST. JAMES UNITED
CHURCH SANCTUARY

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.

 A free-will offering will be received at the door.

The poster features a background of a piano keyboard and musical notes. The text is arranged in a vertical layout on the left side, with the date and location at the bottom. The overall design is clean and modern, with a focus on the musical theme.