



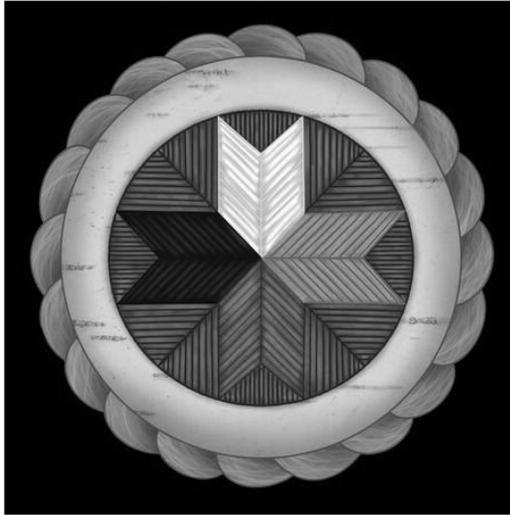
St. James United Church

Belong • Grow • Serve



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

Celebration of Worship for June 22, 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 22, 2025, Indigenous Peoples Sunday

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Barbara Butt, Amy Dalziel and Becca Ann Bartlett
Ushers: Aubrey & Ruby Hill, 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 Mik'mawi'simk, French & Isoko as we acknowledge the land and local Indigenous peoples and commit to full inclusion for all.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We extend welcome with a wave, a bow, a wish for God's blessings.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Ojibway 7 Grandfather Teaching)*

We come together in a spirit of love, hearts open to wisdom.

We come knowing we are called to respect for one another.

We seek to be honest, sharing our lives authentically,

aware that it takes courage to face our past with integrity.

We will pray with humility, one part of the sacred web of creation,

and with openness to the truth at the heart of all things.

We worship with gratitude for the Creator and their sacred way.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving Creator, **we pray with thanks for your holy teachings revealed in many cultures, traditions and ways of life, especially the wisdom of the peoples who called place home since time immemorial and whose continued stewardship reminds us we must always consider who is coming after us.**

**May we open our hearts to our history
and commit to walk into the future in new way.
In the name of Jesus, our elder brother, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN: “God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie” (MV 53)
(Sing to the tune for “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”)

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 life the shape of justice. Roots hold me 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:** “Many and Great Are Your Works” (Voices United 308)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
1 Kings 19:1-15 and Luke 8:26-39

HYMN: “I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky” (Voices United 509)

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, "Thanks be to God"*
From Chief Robert Joseph, *Namwayut: A Pathway to Reconciliation*.
Toronto: Page Two, Macmillan Books, 2022), 30.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

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

SOLO: "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

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:** "For the Healing of the Nations" (*Voices United* 678)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE: *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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Life and Work – June 22, 2025

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* In memory of Hubert Stokes, Chesley Howse and Carl Babstock from Jean and family

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Clayton Humphries from wife Ethel, sons Paul and Dwight

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In memory of Shirley Simmons from the UCW

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 at 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 at 709-685-5613 or by email at 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.

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.



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