



St. James United Church



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

Celebration of Worship for June 8th, 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 8, 2025, Pentecost Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft. Rev. Jennifer Henry
and Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir

Ushers: Guy & Julie Hollett, Jean Thompson,
Marilyn Adams 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 Inuktitut, French and Yoruba as we give thanks
for the land and local Indigenous peoples, and commit to full inclusion.*

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF PENTECOST**

INTROIT: “Filled With the Spirit’s Power” (VU 194, v. 1)

*** RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER:** *In this prayer, we recall bible
verses about the gifts of the Spirit, each read in a different language.*

On the day of Pentecost,... the Spirit’s gifts to be with us again.

Come Holy Spirit, come O wisdom who “cries out in the street and in
the market raises her voice.” (Proverbs 1:20)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit with your courage, the fulfillment of the promise of
Jesus: “When they bring you before authorities, don’t be afraid. The
Holy Spirit will teach you what to say.” (Luke 12:11-12)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit in compassion lived out in these words: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me who has sent me to bring good news to the poor and bind up the broken-hearted.” (Isaiah 61:1)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit with your gift of spiritual understanding:

“I will put my spirit within you that you may follow my laws and be careful to observe my teaching.” (Ezekiel 36:27)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit, instilling in us wonder and awe before God: “How weighty are your thoughts, O God! How vast their sum!” (Ps. 139)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit with a call on our hearts: “Blessed are those who hunger for justice for they will be filled.” (Matthew. 5:6)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit with an outpouring of holy love where “Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle the fire of your love. Amen.

* **HYMN:** “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” (*Voices United* 198)

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 by 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

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*
John 14:8-17 and 22-27; and Acts 2:1-24

HYMN: "Loved into Being" (To the tune of "Morning Has Broken")

**Loved into being, by the Creator, creatures revealing
beauty divine. Precious your textures, exquisite your colours,
diverse beyond measure, bold your design.**

**Christ interrupting, all our injustice, bold love disrupting
failures to care. Seeking our witness, equity flowering,
daring within us, redress and repair.**

**Spirit unfolding, forging connexions, deep in belonging, each
find their place. Risking inclusion, mutually transforming,
beloved perfusion, abundant in grace.**

**Torn and divided, forgetting your promise, needing reminded
just whose we are. Rethread your vision, restore our fabric,
Weaver Christ risen, mending us all.**

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*
"The Enemy of Apathy" by John L. Bell

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

ANTHEM: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" - *Doris Akers*

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

On Pentecost, the gift of God's Spirit was given to all who longed to receive it. **On this day we come to the table, animated by the same Spirit who calls us to follow in the Way of Jesus.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(based on the Northern Lights
Worship Service prepared for the United Church's Centennial)*

God is with us. **We are not alone.**
Christ is present here. **The Spirit is among us!**
Let us give thanks to God **in memory and in hope.**

Blessed are you, Living God who graces this world with life and light and love. In the beginning, your Spirit moved across the deep waters. Amid emptiness and chaos, you sought connection,
And so, you created day and night, skies and seas, plants and trees, animals that fly and animals that swim, animals that walk and swing and sing, and you called all of this, all of us, good.

And over time, your Spirit continued to call forth wisdom and courage for your people, calling Miriam to dance for joy on the shores of the Red Sea, Elijah to the presence of your still, small voice after the fire and wind, and Joel to voice your promise that you will pour out your Spirit on all people, so that your children will prophesy, your elders dream dreams, your youth see visions.”

Though we turned from you, you continued to pursue us in love, coming to Mary who boldly said yes and your Spirit came into the world once more, alive and embodied in Jesus, who lived with your deep passion and wisdom, boldly shared your joy and compassion, dared to dream that your kin-dom is here among us.

With gratitude for all that he did, in gratitude too for the gifting of your Spirit on Pentecost, we join your angels in a song of praise:

All: O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always! *(More Voices 203)*

Gracious God, Jesus' living in the Spirit's ways drew attention, both from those who sought to follow and those who were afraid. and so, we remember the courage and vision he shared with his friends on the night he was betrayed. During supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this bread and eat. This is my body which is given for

you.” After supper, he took the cup of wine. He gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying: “Take and drink. This cup is God’s promise, poured out in my blood. Whenever you eat and drink, remember me.”

Loving God, we rejoice in the life of Jesus and the power of your Spirit. Open to your presence we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again! (x2) (More Voices 204)**

Pour out your Spirit once more upon us, upon this living bread and saving cup, that we might witness your Spirit in action and join in Christ’s life, proclaiming the joy of your kin-dom.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit! Amen!

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, amen,
O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! (More Voices 205)**

SUNG PRAYER OF JESUS (Lord’s Prayer): *Voices United 960*

SHARING IN COMMUNION:

We share the bread of life, **gift of love that brings life to the world.**
We share the fruit of the vine, **blessing of love poured out for all.**

Everyone is welcome to share communion – all ages, beliefs, identities and life experiences. There is a centre station to receive the bread and two side stations to receive juice in small glasses. Please consume the bread and juice before returning to your pew. Please let us know if you need the gluten free option. If you’re unable to come forward, someone will bring communion to you once everyone has received.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**In your grace and by your Spirit we have been fed at this table,
brought into communion with you and each other.**

**May this banquet so inspire us to love as we have been loved,
feed as we have been fed, and to welcome all as Christ has
welcomed us. In this way, we will witness your reign on earth, as
it is in heaven. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth” (*Voices United 207*)

SENDING FORTH:

Enlivened in the Spirit, **we trust in God's grace in our lives.**

Enlivened in the Spirit, **we will embody Christ's way of love.**

Enlivened in the Spirit, **we are enabled to share God's hope.**

Go! The Spirit goes with you! **We walk in the Spirit! Hallelujah!**

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Chair of the Church Board:	Pamela Norman
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
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Life and Work – June 8, 2025

Tune into VOWR: This Sunday's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR on Sunday, June 8 at 7:00 pm. We welcome all those worshipping in person, watching via livestream, and those listening.

We accept the following donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:

* In memory of Mother and Father, Irene and Walter Tucker from Linda Facey

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

June 8 (on site): Chapters 20-28

Taizé: Taizé has been delayed for 1 week because Rev. James was away in Toronto on June 4. It will now be the following week on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30PM after the Silent Vigil.

Tapestry: Saturday, June 14 @ 5:30PM. Beginning with a potluck at 5:30 pm, this service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity.

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.

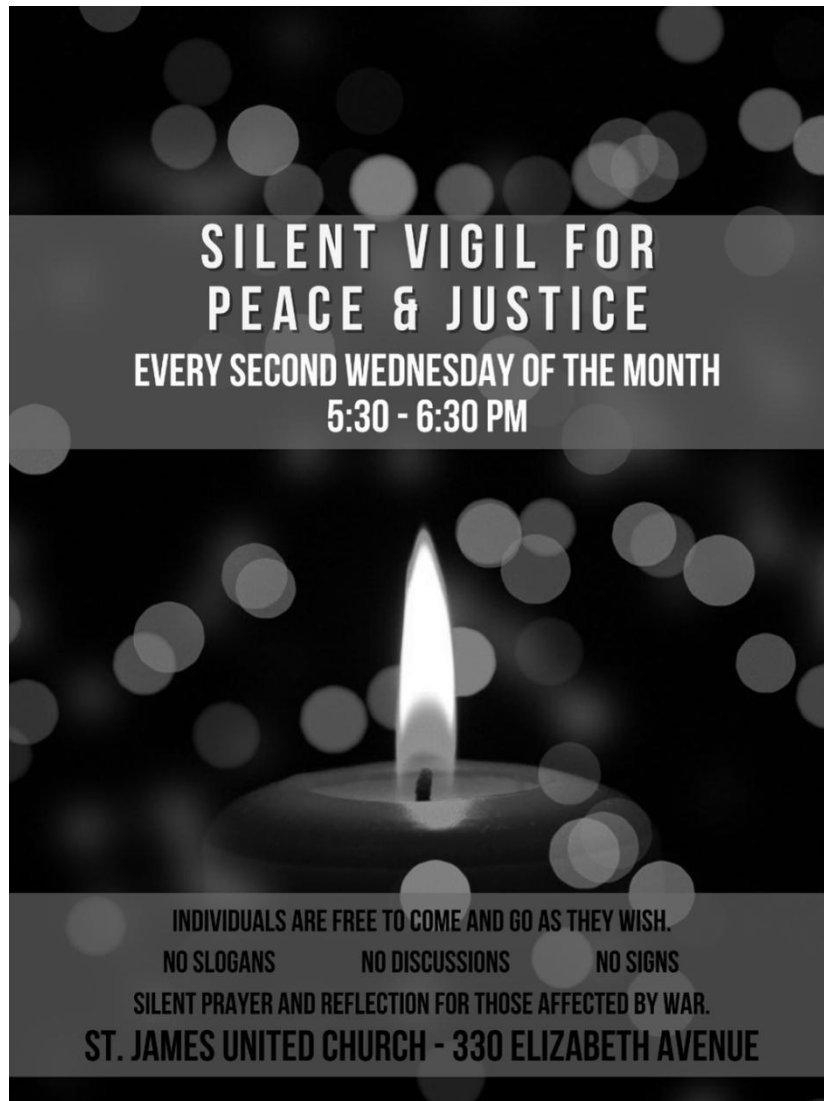
Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way

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.

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.

Silent Vigil: Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30PM. Taize will follow immediately after at 6:30PM.



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.

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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Bridges to Hope: The Annual General Meeting of Bridges to Hope will be held on June 12th, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Church, 221 Park Avenue, Mt. Pearl. Everyone is welcome to attend, to learn more about this important organization and outreach mission. The meeting will be held in Trinity Hall, in the basement, accessed via the side door on Churchill Avenue.

Topsail United Church will be Holding a Take-out Lobster Dinner on Thursday June 19, pick up time will be from 4:30 Until 6 P.M. Meal will consist of Lobster (1.5- 2.0 lb.) 3 different Salads, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Roll, Dessert. Cost \$35, To Reserve please call their Church Office at 709-834-4567 or Brad 709-682-2804. The cut off to Purchase Tickets is June 16.



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**THURSDAY
JULY 10, 2025
7:00-8:30 PM**

**THE LANTERN
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2SLGBTQIA+ members and allies will
share how spirituality can help us come
together to face the current storm.

All are welcome. An accessible venue. More info at OutinFaithNL@gmail.com

