



**St. James United Church**



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### **Celebration of Worship for July 13, 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.

**July 13, 2025, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Leading Worship and Music: Gloria Le Feuvre,  
Amy Dalziel, Glenda Winsor and Joel Le Feuvre  
Ushers: Bill and Cindy Pike, Marilyn Adams,  
Jean Thompson 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**

#### **\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*No matter who you are, where you come from, how you come to be here, what you believe or what you are questioning, you are welcome in fullness.*

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

**\*HYMN:** "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" (VU 399)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Holy is our God and worthy to be praised! Open your hearts to God's presence and rejoice!

**All: We come open to God's indwelling presence; We come eager to listen and be filled; we come rejoicing for our God is good and merciful!**

One: God is good!

**All: All the time!**

One: In good and challenging times, we are assured of God's healing, saving-wonderful-indwelling love!

**All: Let us worship the God who fills us with love and hope.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Creator God, we thank you for the love you have bestowed upon us all through this past week - for the love that has brought us to this time of worship. We pray that you would bless us with your most Holy Presence this day and build in us a stronger faith. Meet us here, amid our doubts and questions that we may know we are heard and understood. Grant that as we pray and sing your praises that we may be built up in Christ Jesus and made more able to serve you and please you in all that we think, say, and do. Amen.**

## **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](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 upon request.*



**OFFERTORY DUET:** “Welcome” – Laurie Zelman; Mark A. Miller

**\*PRESENTATION HYMN:** We dedicate our offerings to God’s love as we sing: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (VU 543)

**We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.**

## **\* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**Lord, you have entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the Gospel. We acknowledge that we cannot simply give money and expect your message to be spread. We must consistently give ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts, and service. Stir within us the courage to be Christian stewards throughout our daily living. Accept these gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

## We Listen and Respond

### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

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

\* **HYMN:** “The Lord's My Shepherd” (*Voices United 747*)

**READINGS:** Amos 7:7-17; Luke 10:25-37

*At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*

\***HYMN:** “Lord, Speak to Me” (*Voices United 589*)

**DUET:** “The Prayer” – Carole Bayer-Sager; David Foster

### **MEDITATION**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We pray for the needs of our global and local communities.*

**PRAYER OF JESUS** (*Voices United p. 921*)

## We Leave to Serve

\* **HYMN:** “He Leadeth Me” (*Voices United 657*)

\* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE:** *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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### **St. James United Church**

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## Life and Work – July 13, 2025

**We offer our sincere condolences to** the family of Cecil Templeman, who passed away, Thursday, July 3, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Cecil was a long time member of St. James and was very involved in our church before his move to Calgary.

**We offer our sincere condolences to** the family of Jack Head, who passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Visitation was held at Barrett's Funeral Home, 328 Hamilton Avenue, on Thursday, July 10th, followed by a service in the Barrett's Memorial Chapel. Burial will take place in Comfort Cove at a later date – a place especially dear to Jack, where he was born, raised, and which remained his forever home in his heart.

**Rev. James on holiday:** Rev James is away on holiday from July 1 to July 18. Gloria Le Feuvre will be leading the service on Sunday, July 13. Rev. Kathy Brett will cover any pastoral emergencies from July 1 to July 14 with Rev. Bill Mercer covering for July 15 to 18. Please contact the office for their respective phone numbers and emails.

**Away on Holiday:** Our Office Administrator Stephanie will be away on holidays from July 22 to August 26th, 2025. Our new summer student Emma Rossiter will cover the office in her absence. The office hours are 8:30AM to 1:30PM Tuesday to Friday.

**Summer Pause:** Now that the warm weather has arrived we are on a break from a number of worship services and programs. There will not be Taize, Tapestry, InsideOUT, Pub Theology and Bible Study for July and August, each starting up again in September. The Silent Vigil for Peace and Justice will only be paused while Rev. James is away, scheduled to begin again at 5:30 pm on August 9. Wild Light Spiritual Oasis continues through the summer. The next gathering will be on July 27 at 3 pm, beginning in the Fluvarium parking lot.

**Pride Worship Service, Parade and Festival:** It is time to show our pride on July 20. There are a number of ways to do so this year.

1. Pride Worship Services 10 am at Gower Street United Church and 11 am at St. James United Church.
2. Pride Parade: The parade begins at 12 noon. Join our contingent from St. James as part of a larger joint parade entry of United Churches in Metro St. John's. Participants begin gathering at 10:30 am on New Gower Street out front of the City Hall, or watch along the route.
3. Pride in the Park: After the parade, there is a festival in the park. Come to Bannerman Park for the festivities. Drop by our table where we will be promoting Affirming United Churches as well as InsideOUT. Contact Rev. James if you would like to help with the table.

### **2025 Memorial Services:**

The dates for the Memorial Services are as follows:

#### **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.