



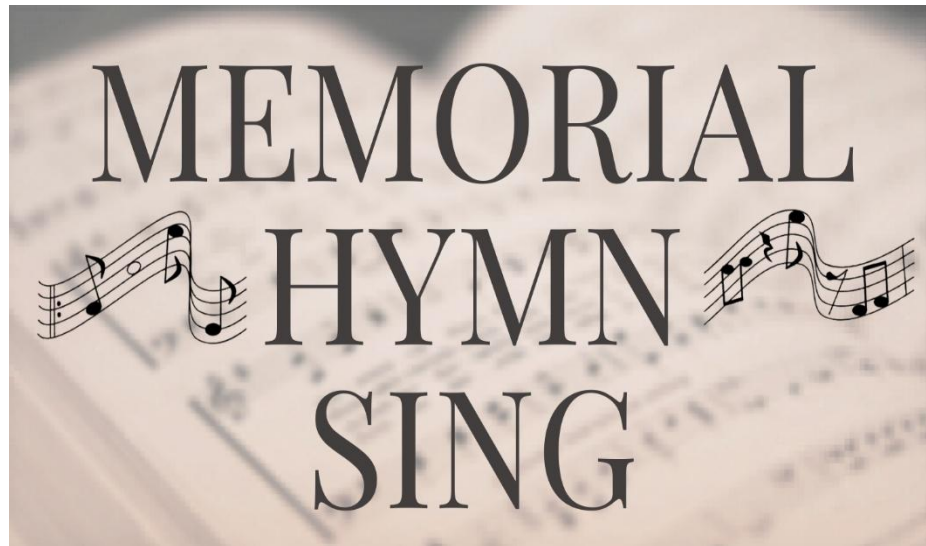
St. James United Church



Belong • Grow • Serve

330 Elizabeth Ave,
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Celebration of Worship: April 26, 2026



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, our 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
Mother, Sadie M. Butt and Aunt, Mildred Legrow
from Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and families.

April 26, 2026, Memorial Hymn Sing (4th Sunday of Easter)

Leading: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Judy Molyneux, Heather McMaster,
Bob Rose and the St. James United Guitar Group
Ushers: Brian Johnston, Mary Johnston, 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 offer greetings in Innu-aimun, French and Urdu as we give thanks for the land and affirm our promise to be an inclusive community.

SHARING THE PEACE OF EASTER: *We greet one another with signs of Christ's peace with a wave, bow, prayerful wish for blessing.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today to remember and celebrate.

to remember our loved ones and celebrate them in song.

We come today to remember and celebrate.

to remember all that God has done in Christ's love.

We come today to remember and celebrate.

to celebrate in faith, upheld in the power of God's Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,

we come together to remember and give thanks,

to remember those who went before us and give thanks for their abiding life in you through Christ's resurrection.

They live as we all live, through your faithful love,

**in the power of your Holy Spirit,
leading us in hope to the promise of your reign.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.**

*** HYMN: “Precious Memories”** (*see insert*)

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.*



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 AND GRACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Common Worship*, based on Eph. 3)
**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who
lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthen us
with power from on high. We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We Listen and Respond

*** HYMN: “How Great Thou Art”** (*Voices United* 238)

INTRODUCTORY REFLECTION

* **HYMN:** “Morning Has Broken” (*Voices United* 409)

REFLECTION AND READING: Luke 4:14-21

* **HYMN:** “I, the Lord (Here I Am Lord)” (*Voices United* 509)

REFLECTION AND READING: Luke 5:1-11

* **HYMN:** “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (*VU* 563)

* **HYMN:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (*see insert*)

REFLECTION AND READING: Luke 20:9-20

* **HYMN:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (*Voices United* 664)

* **HYMN:** “The Old Rugged Cross” (*see insert*)

REFLECTION AND READING: Luke 24:28-35

* **HYMN:** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” (*Voices United* 703)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG PRAYER OF JESUS (*Then Let Us Sing* 70)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “Will Your Anchor Hold” (*Voices United* 675)

*** BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH:**

Blessed in resurrection hope, we go with hearts enlivened in joy:

We go clothed with the promise of new life in Christ, living in the grace of God's love, walking in the Spirit's peace.

POSTLUDE (*You are invited to remain seated during the postlude*)

St. James United Church

Chair of the Church Board:	Pamela Norman
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Life and Work – April 26, 2026

A thought of the week: You can't have a mouth full of Scripture and a heart full of hate.

Meditation: Each Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. People who are new to Christian meditation are asked to come at 5:30 for a time of instruction with Rev. James. Come each week for a time of quiet meditation in the Christian tradition.

Wild Light Spiritual Oasis: Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 pm at Long Point (Meet at the shelter in the Fluvarium parking lot) We will take part in a meditative walk focused on nurturing our relationship with nature.

Celebrate our Region becoming an Affirming Ministry: It's time to celebrate First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council being an Affirming Ministry. On May 3, 2026, at 1:00 pm NDT/12:30 pm (ADT), we come together from the province Council to publicly celebrate our becoming an Affirming Ministry. Rev. Grant Stuckless, former Regional Council President will be the guest preacher in this multi-location worship service linked together via Zoom. We are one of the host congregations, with the service co-led by our friends at Corner Brook United Church in Corner Brook, Memorial United Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Carol United Church in Labrador City and also folks joining via Zoom. Let's come together to celebrate this important moment as a Regional Council.

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. James United Church? Perhaps you are currently a member of another congregation and are considering transferring your membership? Or you were baptized in the United Church but were never confirmed, or baptized in another denomination and would like to join the United Church? Or perhaps you just want to learn more about what it means to be a full member? Whatever your current situation, we would be happy to discern with you. Susan Pike is available to chat on the phone (709-576-0703) or by email (susanpike@warp.nfld.net); as is Rev. James (709-351-0983) or (james@stjamesuc.org).

Readers Required: If anyone is interested in helping out during Sunday worship services by doing readings, please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule or please contact Barry Cutler at (709) 685-9030 or by email at newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca. Thank you

Some Pictures from Sundays Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon:



(Photo of the Volunteer Appreciation Award winners. Missing from the photo are Trevor Bartlett and Ovie Atamako)



(Photo of Ovie Atamako accepting his award)