



**St. James United Church**



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

**Celebration of Worship: April 19, 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.

## April 19, 2026: Third Sunday of Easter

Leading: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jalna McMaster,  
Judy Molyneux, Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir  
Ushers: Mary Daya, Joy Bartlett, Jean Thompson,  
Marilyn Adams and Susan Pike

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*Please rise as you are able where there is an \* in the service.  
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 Inuktitut, French and Turkish 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.*

**INTROIT:** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TLUS 149, v. 1)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by Psalm 116*)

Come, gather together, trusting the One who harkens to our call!

**We pray to the One who rescues us from the snares of death!**

Pray together and acknowledge God in faith.

**We are God's servants, dedicated to the One who set us free!**

Lift up the cup of salvation! Sing praises in God's name!

**We will praise God, rejoicing in the house of our redeemer!**

\* **HYMN:** "This Is the Day" (*Voices United 412*)

#### **OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Redeeming God, **in the dying and rising of Christ, you have set us free, calling all people into the renewing power**

**of your covenant. Bring joy to our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that as your servants we may proclaim your love to the world; through Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

## We Share in Love

**OUR LIFE AND WORK:** *We share what is going on in our community.*



**OFFERTORY:** *There are many ways to support St. James. You can place an offering in the plate, scan the QR code on the left, contribute via PAR, website ([www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org)), e-transfer (email [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org)), mail to church office or drop in our secure mailbox.*

**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**

**RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles Creed (*Voices United 918*)

## We Listen and Respond

\* **HYMN:** "Praise Our Maker" (*Voices United 316*)

**READINGS:** *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*

1 Peter 1:17-23 and John 21:4-19

\* **HYMN:** "Dear God who Loves All Humankind" (*Voices United 608*)

**READING:** *At the end of the reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*

Excerpt from Catherynne M. Valente, *The Girl Who Fell Beneath Fairyland and Led the Revels There* (MacMillan Publishers, 2013)

**REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

**TIME OF REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM:** "His Eye is on the Sparrow", arr. Donald Moore

## **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:** "Jesus Calls Us" (*Voices United 562*)

\* **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH:**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

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 for the postlude.*

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

Chair of the Church Board:

Pamela Norman

Minister:

Rev. James Ravenscroft

Minister Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Co-Directors of Music:

Amy Dalziel & Bob Rose

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## Life and Work – April 19, 2026

**We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Derrick Barbour who passed peacefully after a brief struggle with cancer on April 8, 2026.** Cremation has taken place. There will be no viewing or service at this time.

**We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Don Blackmore who passed peacefully after a short illness on April 11, 2026.** Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Heritage United Church, Musgravetown, NL.

**We offer our sincere condolences to the family of V. Kay Norman who passed peacefully on April 11, 2026.** The service was held at Barrett's Chapel and interment followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**We offer our sincere condolences to the family of George White who passed peacefully after a brief illness on April 11, 2026.** Cremation has taken place.

**The UCW ladies would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make their Spring Tea and Bake Sale a tremendous success!!** Donations of baked goods, cookies and sandwiches for the tables, items for the baskets, monetary donations, kitchen workers, table servers, ticket sellers, those who setup and put away tables and chairs, as well as those who came to the tea and bought items or tickets were much appreciated! Approximately \$4000 was raised and it would not have been such a success without your support.

**A thought of the week:** The only place you should put people down is on your prayer list.

**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.

**Join the St. James' Music Team on Saturday, April 25, from 2:00–4:00 PM in the sanctuary as we celebrate *International Pipe Organ Day*.** The afternoon begins with an informal 20-minute recital at 2:00 PM, showcasing our wonderful pipe organ. Following the recital, everyone is invited to an open console, where members of the public can try the organ for themselves. Amy and Bob will be on

hand to answer questions and share insights about this remarkable instrument. Activities will also be available for children. A freewill offering will be received at the door.

## **AOTS Men's Club Fish Dinner:**



\* Tickets are available from any member of the AOTS Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306 \*

**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.

**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](mailto:newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca). Thank you

**Hypnosis Kitchen Party:** A family friendly show titled "*Adventures with HypnoGOOB*" Will take place at Pleasantville Legion on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available at the door. Immediately following the hypnosis part of the show there will be a Kitchen Party and we encourage you to bring your instruments and take part or if you prefer just come and enjoy.

**Cowan Heights Annual Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Admission is \$2.00 at the door. Local vendors will sell knitted goods, paintings, handcrafted wood items, and much more. We hope to see you there!

We are also looking for more vendors to sell their wares at our craft fair! Please note we will NOT be accepting any vendors selling AI generated "art," or any products that have utilized generative AI. If you are interested in having a table at the fair, please contact Madonna at [madonnahowell@hotmail.com](mailto:madonnahowell@hotmail.com)

**Church of the Ascension, 58 Smallwood Drive is hosting Take a Bite out of Hunger - Food Bank Benefit Concert:** On Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. Alex Taylor, along with musical friends Chris & Jessie Connolly and Not Fit, are hosting a concert to benefit our Food Bank here at the Ascension. Admission is \$20 at the door and there will be a 50/50 draw. It promises to be a very entertaining evening so please come out to support this wonderful cause!

**Wesley United Church Flipper Dinner:** Wesley Church will hold the first of two Flipper Dinners on Thursday May 14th starting at 5 pm for take-outs and 6 pm for eat in. Tickets are \$30 and should be paid for and picked up by Friday May 8th. Tickets will not be sold at the door but can be picked up at the Church on Friday, May 8th between 11 am and 1 pm. To order tickets call the church office at 709-579-3682, Marvin Barnes at 709-579-7900 or Pheobe Sheppard at 709-726-1689.



#### NEIGHBOURS FEEDING NEIGHBOURS

For 2026, **Bridges To Hope** are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month. Of course, this item, and other non-perishable food items, can be given any other Sunday as well. These items are staples in the food hampers distributed and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled.

The item for **April** is: **Canned Fruit**

## Memorial Hymn Sing: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Each year, we take time to remember our loved ones through the fellowship of song. By selecting a hymn in dedication to your loved ones, you are contributing to the life and work of our church, supporting and enhancing the various programs and activities that make St. James United Church the faith community that we love. St. James Guitar Group and our Music Director, Amy Dalziel, will provide the music.

Simply print and complete the form below or write out your requests on a sheet of paper with the required information. Drop them off with your cash or cheque payment (payable to “St. James United Church”) at the office, in the secure drop-box to the right of the office entrance, or by e-mailing them to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org). Payments can also be made by e-transfer to [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org).

*Please ensure to note “Hymn Sing” on your envelope or in the subject line online.*

**Submission deadline: Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Hymn Selections from which to choose:

1. How Great Thou Art
2. In the Bulb There Is a Flower
3. I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am Lord)
4. Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
5. Just a Closer Walk With Thee
6. Morning Has Broken
7. Precious Memories
8. The Old Rugged Cross
9. What a Friend We Have in Jesus
10. Will Your Anchor Hold

Name(s) of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope No. OR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

***To contribute more “in memoriums”, please use a separate sheet for each, clearly attributing the contributor’s name to loved one’s name & selected hymn no.; amount; & envelope no. or address.***