



St. James United Church



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

Celebration of Worship: June 14, 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.

June 14, 2026, Third Sunday after Pentecost
(Indigenous History Month/Pride Month)

Leading: Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jalna McMaster, Alma Lake,
Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, Rikta Samadder and the Senior Choir
Ushers: Donna Downey, Alma Lake, 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 share greetings in Inuktitut, French and Bengali as we
acknowledge the land and local Indigenous peoples, and commit to
full inclusion for all.*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INTROIT: "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" (*Voices United 377, v. 1*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 116:1-2 and 12-19*)

Sing praises to God and give God thanks.

We lift our voices in gratitude for all of God's gifts.

Bless God you faithful ones. You are precious in God's sight.

We are God's servants, ready to give our all for God.

Give your love to God and sing their praise.

We will worship God with all of our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

Covenanting God, we give you thanks.

**In Jesus, you have shown us the way of your love,
and called us to share our lives in service of others.**

**Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy,
we may share the blessings of your kin-dom.**

We pray in the name of Christ, your servant and Son. Amen.

* **HYMN:** “Worship the Lord” (*Voices United* 401, v.1-3 and 5)

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:*



place a gift in the plate, use the square in the foyer, scan the QR code on the left, donate via PAR, mail the office, go to the website (www.stjamesuc.org), or e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org) However you support

St. James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts available. During the offering, the Senior choir will sing “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (LTUS 35)

* **OFFERTORY:** “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 AND GRACE**

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** "Like a Rock" (*More Voices* 92)

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

Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 9:35-10:14

* **HYMN:** "Hope of the World" (*Voices United* 215)

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

Excerpt from Dorothy Day, *The Reckless Way of Love: Notes on Following Jesus* (first published in the April 1948 edition of *The Catholic Worker*)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

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

SOLO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS (*Voices United* p 921, Ecumenical Version)

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "You Shall Go Out with Joy" (*Voices United* p 884)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

The blessing of the running wave to you.

The blessing of the flowing air to you.

The blessing of the quiet earth to you.
The blessing of the shining stars to you.
The blessing of God: Abba, Christ and Spirit to you,
and to all of creation, this day and evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Please remain seated during the postlude.*

St. James United Church

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Life and Work – June 14, 2026

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Reginald Kingsley who passed peacefully on May 30, 2026. The funeral service took place on Thursday, June 4th here at St. James United Church. Interment followed at Memorial Gardens.

We offer our sincere condolences to Keith, Gloria and Joel Le Feuvre on the passing of Keith's brother, Greg Le Feuvre, who passed peacefully on June 6, 2026 in Calgary, in the presence of his family.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Sunday School Fund:

* In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Eric Jerrett

We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In loving memory of Reginald Kingsley from Marie-Beth Wright

A thought of the week: "Like wildflowers; You must allow yourself to grow in all the places people thought you never would."

Bridges to Hope Annual General Meeting: The Bridges to Hope annual general meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18th at First United Church, located at 221 Park Avenue, Mount Pearl. The meeting will begin at 7 pm, and is open to members of the corporation, volunteers, clients, ministers of member churches, and any and all interested parties. Only board directors and identified voting delegates from member churches are permitted to vote on any motions. Thank you for your continued support of Bridges to Hope!

Pub Theology: Thursday, June 18 at 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

Wild Light Gathering for the Summer Solstice, June 20 at 3 pm: Come and pause with gratitude for the longest day of the year. We will gather on the church lawn for a time of sharing, meditative walking and prayer. Please bring something to sit on.

Monthly Labyrinth Walk: Did you know we have a labyrinth? We do and it is beckoning for us to walk it. A labyrinth is a circular winding path into a centre point. Unlike a maze there is only one path, and you cannot get lost. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient prayer practice to quiet the mind and seek spiritual clarity. Throughout the summer we will have a group labyrinth walk on fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. June 24 and July 22. Meet on the lawn between the church and Paton Street.

Care Home Services: Each month (except during the summer), Rev. James and various volunteers lead worship services and hymn sings at 3 different care homes. Feel free to come and worship, sing, and meet the residents, some of whom are members of St. James.

- 2nd Thursday at 2 pm - Worship with Bob Rose, UCW and AOTS at Pleasant View Towers.
- 3rd Wednesday at 3 pm - Hymn Sing with Doreen Brown at Kenny's Pond Retirement Community.
- 4th Wednesday at 3 pm - Hymn Sing with Doreen Brown at Bishops Gardens Seniors Living.
- In addition, Doreen Brown assists Rev. Rebecca on the 1st Wednesday at 3 pm at Tiffany Village.

NO OTHER LAND:

7:00 PM

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Gower Street United Church
St. John's, NL



A FILM SCREENING

This Academy Award-winning film, made by a Palestinian-Israeli collective, shows the destruction of the village of Masafer Yatta by Israeli soldiers and settlers in the occupied West Bank, and the alliance that develops between Palestinian activist Basel and Israeli journalist Yuval.

The film is approximately 95 minutes. A discussion will follow the screening.

All are welcome! Please use the Spirit of Newfoundland lower door on Gower Street.

