St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9 July 8, 2018



Mission Statement

The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the Earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

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Minister: Rev. Brian Colbourne

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Organist: Bob Rose

Musical Offering: Katelyn and Laura Mayo

Usher in Charge: Kim Mayo Greeter: Gerry Mayo

Ushers: Nick Adams, Jean Thompson, Shirley

Feltham, Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the Community Candle

Welcome

Gathering Hymn This Day God Gives Me 410

Call to Worship: (responsive) One: This is God's place,

All: there are no entry fees or dress codes,

One: no restriction on age or height,

All: no capability test, no exclusion zone,

One: no right way to come.

All: This is a place where we can kick off our shoes and settle on in

One: here we find shelter, whatever the weather **All:** Here we are family, whoever we are, One: here we are home, wherever we've been,

All: here in God's house, God's grace is all we need.

Opening Prayer: (together) Creativity God, we have come to celebrate you the God of creation, of justice, of profound inspiration and source of all creativity and living. Each morning you bring us a newness that we need but step into.

You wash us, lift us, heal us, hold us just as each of us has need. You have made us one with this earth, to tend it and bring forth fruit; may we share in the labour of all creation, may we be open to the power that lies dormant within us. May we be full with a confidence in our own strength. May we move from the routines that we follow to the fullness of life that we might live? Amen

Sharing 'The Peace'

The peace of God is here... to stay. **Thanks be to God.**You are invited to share in signs of peace with your neighbours.

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1-3) 567

Children's Time

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 4-5) 567

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: Spirit of Life 381

Offertory Dedication

Valuing God, with your guidance in word and through spirit, we seek to become wise in how we live in this world. We seek to have an impact for the sake of goodness and justice and to deliver the message that all are loved and embraced by you. Be with us in this calling. Amen.

Centering Silence

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Duet: "Wings" by Carl Strommen Katelyn and Laura Mayo

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Hymn When a Poor One 702

Meditation

Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission 512

Parting Words

May God the source of all good things, bless us with the understanding of friends, the lessons of experience, the questionings of seekers, the wisdom of thinkers, and the service of helpers, now and always.

Words of Blessing Musical Postlude

Worth Pondering

"Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious."
-Stephen Hawking

Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins
If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

