

St. James United Church

Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
April 18, 2021



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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This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Joanne Hapgood, B.N., R.N.
As we remember her on her passing April 19, 2013.
Love Mom and Dad and family

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April 18, 2021/3rd Sunday of Easter

Minister: Rev. Jim Von Riesen
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director: Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director: Branden Olsen

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

We Gather as God's People

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We light this candle to remind us that the Spirit of the eternal God moves around among and within us, drawing us into Christian Community.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: When we are afraid,

All: We come to God for the courage to move forward.

One: When we are sad,

All: We come to God for comfort so we might rediscover joy in our lives.

One: When we are in the darkness of despair,

**All: We come to God to find the hope to move back
into the light.**

One: When we find life difficult,

**All: We turn to God who waits to nourish and restore our fragile and famished souls so we
might look outward with deeds of kindness, hands of mercy and words of comfort.**

All: Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Eternal and Holy One, this morning we gather in the midst of your constant presence seeking to grow in our sense of your presence and to find nurture and comfort for our minds and hearts. We come not only with our hands out to receive your blessings, but we come with our hands raised in gratitude to praise and worship you. Amen.

HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Hear Us*

VU 377

We Respond to God's Love

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS:

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

As we offer our gifts to you, generous God, we pray that they will be used to bring hope to those having no hope, food for those who hunger and peace to those who live in fear. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 30

I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;
you have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O God, my God, I cried to you for help,
and you restored my health.

**You brought me back from the dead;
you saved my life as I was going down to the Grave.**

Let all your servants sing praises to you,
and give thanks to your holy name.

**Your anger is but for a moment,
but your kindness is life eternal. R**

In my prosperity I said,

**"I shall never be shaken; your favour, O God,
has made me as firm as any strong mountain."**

You turned your face away from me, and I was greatly dismayed.

I called to you; I made my appeal:

**"What profit is there in my death,
in my going down to the Grave?**

Will the dust give you praise?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

Hear, O God, and be gracious to me;

O God, be my helper." R

You turned my mourning into dancing;

**you stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my heart will sing your praise without ceasing.**

O God, my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R

HYMN: *My Life Flows On*

VU 716

GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8

MEDITATION: They Were Afraid

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *You Shall Go Out with Joy* (Sing Twice) VU 884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
The trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
The trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
While you go out with joy.

(Repeat)

COMMISSIONING:

One: Let us go to be bold before God.

All: We will speak up for all people who long for healing and hope.

One: Let us go to shepherd Jesus' sisters and brothers.

**All: We will risk our lives for justice, we will serve
the outcast.**

One: Let us go to anoint others with the Holy Spirit.

**All: We will bring goodness and mercy to all whose
lives need restoring.**

One: Go from here as fearless Easter People.

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: *May God's Sheltering Wings* MV 214

May God's sheltering wings,
God's gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
God's cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in God's love,
and hold you in God's love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Life and Work – April 18, 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING: Congregation, St James United Church

There will be a meeting of the congregation, members, and interested adherents, to receive a report from the Search Committee, including their recommendation for a new full time Minister for St. James. A vote on this report will be taken at this meeting.

DATE: Monday, April 26, 2021

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: In Person at the church. We are hoping to have ZOOM and / or telephone access as well. Details will be forwarded as soon as we have this confirmed.

PRE- REGISTRATION is required for any who wish to attend. Only those registered will receive the contact details for the meeting. In Person capacity is limited to 100 people. I encourage as many as are able to attend in person. Please register early by calling the Registration Line at 700-6064 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Monday - Friday. Also advise your chosen method of attendance so we can provide you with appropriate details.

Marilyn Adams
Chair

We would like to extend our condolences to Deanna and Guy Matthews on the passing of Deanna's mom, Joyce Burton, who passed away on April 7, 2021 at the Agnes Pratt Home. The funeral took place on April 11th from La Scie.

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have a new Office Administrator. Her name is Tracy Bishop and her hours are 10 am - 2 pm, Monday to Friday. Please feel free to give the office a call to introduce yourself.

We are also happy to spread the news that our limit for services has been bumped up to 100! Registration is still required. Call 700-6064 anytime between 11 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

We would like to acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund in loving memory of Winona Kelsey:

- *from David and Sylvia Hudson.
- *from Jim Burton.
- *from Ruby Hiscock.
- *from George and Jean White.
- *from Shirley Downey.
- *from Linda and Charlie Babstock.
- *from Aubrey and Ruby Hill.
- *from Menetha and Sid Dyke.
- *from Gilbert and Lillian Thomas.
- *from Peter and Shirley Barbour.

We would like to acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- *in loving memory of Winona Kelsey from Sidney, Judith, Linda, and Janet Kelsey.
- *in loving memory of Winona Kelsey from Jack and Florence Head.
- *in memory of loved ones from Sam and Brenda Butt.

We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

*in memory of Winona Kelsey from Vera Marshall.

We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Music Program:

*in memory of Winona Kelsey from Mark and Doreen Brown.

We would like to acknowledge the following donations to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:

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*in memory of Winona Kelsey from Dave and Dot Hapgood.

The Community Sector Council NL

It is hard to believe it is a year ago that our lives were changed so dramatically. The work and fortitude of community organizations and volunteers to be creative and to provide such extraordinary support to so many people is amazing. But there is so much to be done and so many important discussions to have. Once again in April we will be reaching out to celebrate Volunteer Week April 18-24, 2021 with the theme The Value of One, The Power of Many, which will celebrate the many acts of kindness of individuals.

Watch our website communitysector.nl.ca for learning events and other sector news.