

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9  
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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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## St. James United Church

June 13, 2021/Third after Pentecost

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Rev. Jim Von Riesen

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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: Come into this circle of community. Come into this sacred space. Do not be tentative. Bring your whole self!

**All: We bring the joy that makes our hearts sing. We bring our kindness and our compassion. We also bring our sorrow, our pain, our brokenness, and our disappointments.**

One: Spirit of love and mystery; help us to recognize the spark of the divine that resides within each of us.

**All: May we know the joy of wholeness. May we know the joy of being together.**

One: Above all, may we intentionally open ourselves to God's presence around us and within us.

**All: And may we see the Christ in each person we meet.**

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

**Eternal Spirit of the living God, as we gather here today, help us to quiet the throbbing's of the past week. May we and this, our sacred space, be blessed. May we open ourselves ever more fully to the mystery of your presence around and within us which encourages us onward toward life and creativity and love. Amen**

**HYMN:** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* VU 374

## **We Respond to God's Love**

### **RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)**

Generous God, we pray that you will bless our giving. May all that we give today be for the enrichment of the body of your people here at St. James and around the world. Amen.

#### ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

##### We Listen for God's Word

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-17

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 34 VU 761

HYMN: *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV 79

GOSPEL READING: John 6:60-69

MEDITATION: "The Messiah Is One of Us"

#### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

##### We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *Be Thou, My Vision* VU 642

#### COMMISSIONING:

One: This morning we have come apart from the busyness of life, to be renewed by our time of worship together.

**All: Expressing our faith in God, we have sung, we have listened, and we have prayed.**

One: Go from this place knowing the presence of God is around and within you.

**All: I leave knowing, that as a child of God, I am deeply loved and cherished.**

One: Go now, with God's love and blessing to continue your journey of life and faith with joy in your heart and a song on your lips.

#### 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,**

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**ORGAN POSTLUDE**