

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
June 20, 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.

Administration/Office:
Church Email:
Church Web Site:
Facebook:
Twitter:
Instagram:
Emergency Pager:
NL Conference:
U.C. of Canada:



722-1881, ext. 200
info@stjamesuc.org
www.stjamesuc.org
St. James United Church
StJamesUnited
St.JamesUC
727-4067
www.newlabconf.com
www.united-church.ca

The bulletin may be accessed at stjamesuc.org/bulletins

password: StJamesUC

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of our dear fathers,
DONALD R. BARTLETT & JAMES J. WALSH,
both of whom we miss dearly, all our love
Robin Bartlett and Paul Walsh

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
ADOLPHE (AL) PENNY
from loving wife Minnie and family

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of a cherished Father
ERIC PAUL
From daughter, Nancy, and son, Anthony
*"Dad's wisdom, kindness and love will always guide us.
He is forever in our hearts."*

St. James United Church

June 20, 2021/Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Marion Davis
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Director of Music:	Amy Dalziel
Organist:	Bob Rose
Soloist:	Jean Rose

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is with us

All: Here, now, in this place.

One: In Christ, although we are many,

**All: We are one. Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.
The Lord be with you, And also with you.**

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all.

We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love. With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.

UCC Website, Aboriginal Sunday Resources, p.1

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

One: Wisdom of God, we awaken and the day calls to us.

All: May we find you in our days.

One: We gather here and your Spirit calls to us.

All: May we find you in our midst.

One: When we worship, we experience the world as you experience it

All: where your word and the world lead us today. Amen.

Robin Wardlaw in *Gathering*, Pentecost 1, 2021, p. 43

Hymn: *Come Let us Sing of A Wonderful Love* VU 574

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Merciful One, forgive us for all the times when we have seen the faults of family members,

All: of friends, of co-workers, of people we scarcely know and have been oblivious to our own sins.

One: Forgive us for all the times when we have tried to feel good about ourselves at the expense of others. Forgive us all the times we have said, "Sorry, and then kept on doing that for which we had apologized.

All: Give us the grace of true repentance. Help us turn from our destructive ways and follow the path opened for us in Jesus Christ. Amen

John Moses, Aylesford, United Church, Aylesford, NS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Here is good news if we will but listen: God loves us, God forgives us, God accepts us and sets us free. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

Beaverlodge United, *Worship for All Seasons*, Volume 3 p30.

We Respond to God's Love

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS:

We have gathered our gifts together and have donated online, by PAR, by letter drop, as well as in the offering plate and now we dedicate them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

One: We bring our gifts to you, O God.

**All: Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts.
Accept what we offer and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen
We Listen to and for God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: God of Word and worship,

**All: the words you speak have power: power to create; power to disturb;
power to heal. Amen**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17:5, 10-16

EPISTLE READING: 2Corinthians 4:6-10, 14-17 Robin Bartlett

SOLOIST SONG: *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:35-41

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: "All My Relations"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: *My Task* sung by Rev Davis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *O for A World Where Everyone* VU 697

O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE