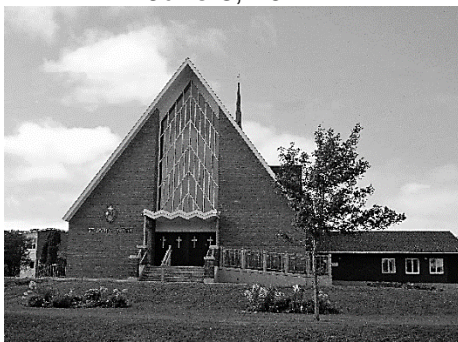


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
June 6, 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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June 6, 2021/Pride Sunday

Minister:

Rev. Marion Davis

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Minister Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Music Director:

Amy Dalziel

Musicians:

St. James Guitar Group

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: *Whispering Hope*

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:

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: inviting us to worship.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

All: inviting us with love.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

**All: calling us by name, calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new. We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.**

Adapted from Paul Fayter, in Worship for All Seasons vol. 3, p24

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

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC:

Church in the Wildwood & Wonderful Words of Life

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Most gracious and caring God,

All: we turn to you trusting in your unfailing compassion. We acknowledge before you that our thoughts, actions and words have, too often, betrayed the trust and commitment to which we are called. Free us from our guilt and guide us in your way of faithfulness; we pray in Jesus' name.

Laura J. Turnbull in *Worship for All Seasons*, Vol. 3, p6

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

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

GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 1:1-12 Dave Adams

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 98 see insert

SUNG REFRAIN: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

Here I am, Lord

VU 509

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

VU 664

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-18

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: Living in the Spirit

REFLECTIVE MUSIC: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* VU 375

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation* see insert

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Wings of A Dove*