

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
July 11, 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

REV. WILLIAM COISH

in honor of his birthday July 14, and best wishes to his birthday buddies Tom Rose
and Gus Kelsey from Daphne

St. James United Church

July 11, 2021/7th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Rebecca Pike
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 LAND & KINSHIP

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In a world full of the unfamiliar and challenging,

All: we come to this familiar place to be restored and renewed in the Spirit. We come to experience what sometimes eludes us when we do not pause. We come seeking new life.

One: Let us experience the source of all life as we listen, gesture, smile, sing, and pray.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Gracious God, help us to make every Sabbath about you. Quiet our hearts, give rest to our souls, and refocus our spirits – for true renewal comes only from you. Holy Spirit, please help us be intentional with our time and worship and encourage us to rest in you alone. In Jesus Name. Amen.

HYMN: *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary* MV 18

We Respond to God's Love

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

God our creator, giver of all perfect gifts, we bring praise for who you are, the one who is and was and is to come. You continue the work of creating, giving, and forgiving, and we worship you for it all, embracing your grace and love. Help us in our journey to living the mystery of being born of water and Spirit. Be patient with us as we learn to embrace your grace and extend it to others. We offer up to you all we are, all we have, and all we are becoming, in the name of Christ, who gave it all for us. Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1: 3 -14

HYMN: *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV 161

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6: 14 - 29

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* VU 509

COMMISSIONING

SUNG BENEDICTION (congregational): *Day is Done*
VU 433, vs. 1

*Day is done, but love unfailing
dwells ever here;
shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,
calms every fear.
God, our Maker, none forsaking,
take our hearts of Love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
be always near.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Pentecost 1, Year B, 2021



World Population Day