

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
July 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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July 18, 2021/8th Sunday after Pentecost

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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: Let us open ourselves to our Creator.

All: God is here with us. We open our hearts to the Living One.

One: Let us thank God for all that is good.

All: We thank God for all that is created and good.

One: Celebrating the goodness of God, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Holy One, in your heart, there is room for all and a welcome that is deep, wide, and rich. You join us together in your love. You feed us with teachings of kindness, respect, and justice. You heal us and make us whole. As we gather today, we give thanks that these gifts of welcome and warmth await us. We would fill ourselves with these gifts that we might share with everyone we meet. Bless us in this time together. In Jesus Name. Amen.

HYMN: *Creator, We Gather*

VU 532

We Respond to God's Love

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Creating and Creative God, in your generosity, you gave all of us gifts, and we have not buried them. We may have repurposed them, filtered, even reshaped

them. We have multiplied and regenerated them. They won't look the same now, but they are still your gifts. So, changed but renewed, we offer them to you as the love, gentleness, and wonder you bring out of us. Please use these gifts for the work of your church, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 7: 1 - 14a

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2: 11 - 22

HYMN: *Draw the Circle Wide* MV 145

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 - 56

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* VU 563

COMMISSIONING

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

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

*Alternative: his

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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



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