St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9 July 4, 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 4, 2021/6th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Rebecca Pike
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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Music Director:

Soloist:

Amy Dalziel

Katelyn Mayo

Soloist:

Hannah Sheppard

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: Hope is where love is found.

All: We come seeking hope for ourselves and all humankind. We come with

anticipation and joy in our hearts.

One: Now, let us worship the Presence as we gather and pray.

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Here is this place, we come seeking you, O God. We know you are here. We believe you are here. We do not understand all of your wonders, yet we trust in you. We trust you will lead us to our purpose, for you are the way. As each of us is whisked into the dance with the Spirit, we dance, in step with you, in our way. Where we are met with truth, love, met and grace. What a wondrous way to live! The life of the Divine, the work of Jesus, the movement of the Spirit; all choreographed into us, with us, through us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: God Is Here VU 389

We Respond to God's Love

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Take what we offer this morning, O God: take our caring for our neighbours from a distance; take our phone calls, texts and social media greetings with our families; take our actions of staying home and physical distancing; take all we offer this morning in word, in action, and donation, blessing us and our giving in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 2: 1-5

HYMN: Three Things I Promise MV 176

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6: 1-13

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU 586

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed; we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story including all in circles of our love.

COMMISSIONING

SUNG BENEDICTION: God Be In My Head VU 430

ORGAN POSTLUDE

