

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9  
August 1, 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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## St. James United Church

August 1, 2021/10<sup>th</sup> 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

Soloist:

Shelby Marshall

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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: Welcome all to the home of the Creator, Teacher, and Holy Breath by which we live.

**All: Let the Holy One enter our heart, our mind, our body.**

One: Let Creator God be with us as we worship together here today.

**All: May we be mindful of God's message delivered to us today.**

One: May we, God's beloved people, be ready to act upon God's call to action.

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Loving God, you live in us through the Spirit. We feel the holy breeze on our hearts as surely as the trees feel the gentle wind on their leaves. Thank you for always being with us, for giving us the courage and strength to let the Spirit into our lives, to let it fill our spiritual sails and carry us forward, so that we may be winds of change in a becalmed world. Through your love, O God, this is possible. Amen.

**HYMN:** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

VU 368

**We Respond to God's Love**

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

God of all people and God of all places, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your love and grace. With them, we offer our varied ministries that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

**We Listen for God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 4:1–16

**HYMN:** *Though I May Speak*

VU 372

**GOSPEL READING:** John 6:24–35

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

### We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

**HYMN:**        *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*        VU 274

### COMMISSIONING

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (v.4)    VU 602

This glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

## Life and Work – August 1, 2021

### We would like to acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

\*In loving memory of Harvey Hillard from Lynn Loewen.

\*In loving memory of parents Lewis and Margaret Babstock (who were married August 6, 1946) from their family.

**THANK YOU to Rev. Rebecca Pike** for her inspiring worship services these past several weeks. Today, August 1, is her last worship service with us as Rev. Ravenscroft arrives on August 2. Rev. Rebecca has also been working on a Pastoral Care project which will be passed on to our new minister.

We wish her well in her chosen career in Diaconal Ministry. We send her off with our blessings.

**Bridges to Hope** - "It has been another hard year for students, and we are determined to send them back to school with everything they need to thrive. Normally, most of our school supplies are donated, but this year due to the pandemic and Health and Safety protocols, we decided it would be safer to purchase all our supplies. While this is quite the financial endeavor, we are confident that with the help of our Corporate Sponsors and your generosity – we can achieve this goal. Students will be given a top-quality school bag packed with all the top brand products and headphones to ensure they start the year off right – with the dignity of not being seen as a 'poor' student by their classmates. Please offer your support and help us spread some relief and joy in our community — both to the students and their parents. Donate at [www.bridgestohope.ca](http://www.bridgestohope.ca)"