

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
August 8, 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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August 8, 2021/11th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:

Rev. James Ravenscroft

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Minister Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Music Director:

Amy Dalziel

Soloist:

Andie Winsor

St. James United Church is a safe place for all to worship regardless of race, creed, cultural background, gender, gender identity or expression, age, ability, or sexual orientation.

We Gather as God's People

MUSICAL PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND & KINSHIP

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MINISTER

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 34:1-3)

One: We gather to praise our Creator, source of all life and love;

All: **To honour God each moment and in every situation.**

One: We pray that our words and actions may be a holy witness;

All: **That our lives may image God's mercy and love.**

One: May everyone, every creature, celebrate God's goodness.

All: **May we all raise our voices in a holy anthem of praise.**

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

It is good to praise you, Holy One, at the start of a new day, a new week, a new stage in our journey as a faith community. As we pray today, we give thanks for all that has been and all that is yet to be, all rooted in your mercy and love. Open our hearts now and always to your presence, your Spirit, calling us into partnership for the coming of your reign. We pray in the name of Christ, your Servant Son, Amen.

HYMN: *In Loving Partnership We Come* **VU 603**

We Respond to God's Love

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Generous Love, may all that we are, all that we do, be a faithful reflection of your goodness: our constancy in prayer and openness in worship, the love that we share in community and outreach to others, our generosity in giving and our commitment to justice. In all that we do, all that we are, we give ourselves to you. Amen.

ANTHEM/SOLO/SPECIAL MUSIC

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER TO BE CENTRED

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

GOSPEL: John 6:35-40, 51

HYMN: *Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness* VU 565

POETIC READING: “Trust” by: Thomas R. Smith

MESSAGE

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord’s Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

We Are Sent Forth to Live our Faith

HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VU 651

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



Hey!
WELCOME
We're very
GLAD
you're here!

Life and Work – August 8, 2021

We give a big warm welcome

to Rev. James Ravenscroft who is leading us in our worship service today.

If you need to reach Rev. James Ravenscroft you can call the church at 722-1881 during office hours (Monday - Friday from 10am - 2pm), or you can email him at james@stjamesuc.org



Please be mindful of registration for Worship Services on Sundays. We are slowly easing back to pre-Covid times, but we are not there yet. Registering for worship service helps us ensure we have your contact info for contact tracing, and it helps us with seating arrangements for our sanctuary. Jennifer is looking after the registration line, and she can be reached at 700-6064 from 11am-4pm Monday - Friday.