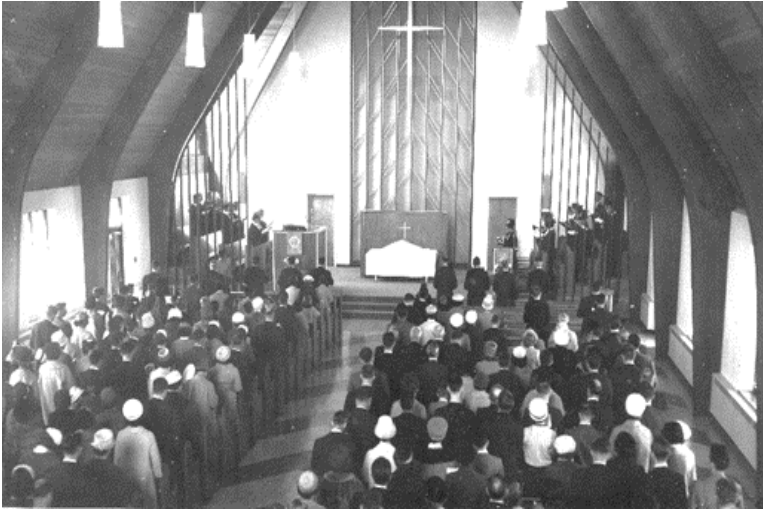


St. James United Church  
Celebrating 63 Years  
Together in Worship  
1958 - 2021



**November 14, 2021 – Anniversary Sunday**  
(Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Leading worship today: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Organist: Amy Daziel  
Music Leadership: Alba Chen & Senior Choir

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**We Come to Worship**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** “Pas de deux, op. 28” by S. Barber

**WELCOME**

*We extend words of greeting in Inuktitut, Bangla, Korean and English.*

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

*We light the candle as a sign of Christ’s spirit both with and within us.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP**

*We take time to give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward it; we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.*

**INTROIT:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *Voices United* 315, vs. 1

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Holy and Mighty, Holy and Merciful, we come together on this Anniversary Sunday to ponder all it means for us to be church, to bear your presence of love and grace in this time and in this place. As we sing and pray, listen and break bread together, may we be awakened in hope for the future, inspired to follow Christ into the promise of your realm. In his name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN:** “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” *Voices United* 240

**We Share**

**OUR LIFE AND WORK**

*We acknowledge the connection between our work and our worship as we take time to announce what is going on in our congregation and community.*

**TESTIMONY REGARDING PAR:** J. Paul Walsh

*A member of the congregation shares why using pre-authorized remittance is an important way for them to support St. James United Church.*

**RECOGNITION OF OFFERINGS**

*We acknowledge the ways people contribute to the community of faith and wider community, especially by way of supporting St. James UC financially.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**God of all that is, was and is yet to be, we pray in gratitude for those who came before us. In their witness of love and faith, they showed us the life that is possible when we give freely of ourselves for others. In our time may we do the**

same, sharing freely that those who will follow the path that we have walked may also know the promise of new life in you. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” (John Rutter)

### We Listen

#### **PRAYER OF STILLNESS**

*We pause in silence as a way to prepare to hear readings from the Bible.*

**READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
Psalm 19:1-14  
Luke 4:14-21

#### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**MESSAGE:** Katie Vardy

### We Respond

**HYMN:** “One Bread, One Body” *Voices United 467*

#### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**One:** Welcome to this table from tables across our community. Wherever you are, be assured that you are at Christ’s table.

**All:** **A table where there are no divisions, where everyone belongs, where everyone is family in God’s love.**

#### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**One:** The Holy One is here,

**All:** **In our minds and in our hearts.**

**One:** Let us be open to God.

**All:** **We come, open and ready.**

**One:** Let us give thanks.

**All:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks, Holy God, revealed in all you have made and present in the hearts of all your children. Today we give thanks with your sons and daughters of every age, who meeting you in faith have shared your grace in their lives. With them, we join the heavenly chorus to sing your praise.

**All:** **O Holy, holy, holy, God,  
O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above  
bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heaven,  
creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes  
and bears your name always!**

We give you thanks, Saving God, for the witness of faith of those who went before us: for Abraham, Sarah and Hagar who ventured to a land promised but not seen; Moses, Miriam and Aaron who led your people into freedom; and your many sages and prophets who called them back into right relationship with you.

And we give thanks that in the fullness of time, Mary and Joseph rejoiced in the birth of your Child Jesus, the Promised One announced by John the Baptizer.

We too rejoice in Jesus, in whom we have found faith and hope, your love revealed in all that he has said and done.

In a special way we recall the night before his death, when gathering with his disciples he took bread, and giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this in remembrance of me."

We remember, Gracious God, and so we hold to Jesus' witness of love, proclaiming in our own lives the mystery of faith:

**All: Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Like our ancestors in faith, we seek to live as Jesus lived, our hands open in love to others, our hearts open to the saving gift of your Spirit. Send that same Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ, joined as one with Peter, James and John, with Paul, Mary Magdalene, and all your saints both ancient and new, called together in service of his liberation, life, and love in your world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

**All: Amen, amen, O Holy One!  
Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One!  
Hosanna and Amen!**

## **THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

*Please pray in your first language.*

## **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

One: ... I invite you to pick up the bread before you.

**All: We share the bread of life, a gift of love that brings life to the world.** *(Everyone eats their piece of bread.)*

One: I invite you to pick up your cup.

**All: We share the fruit of the vine, blessing of love poured out that all may truly live.** *(Everyone drinks their wine/ juice.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (*in unison*)**

**Gracious God, through the gift of this sacred meal, you have made us one with you and each other. May the unity we find at this, and many tables, be a source of grace as we extend Christ's mission from this community into your world. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve**

**HYMN: "Rise Up O Saints of God"**

Rise up, O saints of God!  
Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and soul and mind and strength  
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom tarries long;  
Bring in the day of Christ-like love  
And end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod;  
Led onward by the Son of Man,  
Rise up, O saints of God

**BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Marcietta" by T. Dubois**

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## Life and Work – November 14, 2021

### We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

\*In loving memory of Albert Styles love Elizabeth and Will Rose.

### We gratefully accept the following donation to the Operating Expense:

\*In loving memory of son, Andrew K. Winsor (1985-2008),  
and husband, Garry K. Winsor (1954-2010) from Jan.

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We offer our sincere condolences to Clyde and Brenda Flight on the passing of Brenda's sister, Blanche Thistle, who passed away on Friday, November 5th, 2021.

**This Sunday is Communion:** We are sharing in the sacrament of communion as a way to mark Anniversary Sunday. For in-person worship a piece of bread and a small cup of grape juice will be provided as you enter.

If you are joining us from home, be sure to have some bread and juice, or other suitable elements, ready before the service begins so that you too can share in communion. A reminder that we only have permission to do this when watching live and not later when watching a recording.

### **A New Committee**

Are you interested in community issues like systemic racism, housing insecurity and right relations with Indigenous peoples?

Do you worry about climate change and loss of biodiversity?

Are you concerned about international conflicts and other global issues?

Then you will be interested in a new ad hoc committee that we are establishing to help us respond to social and ecological justice issues.

Contact James for more information.

Email: [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)

Phone: 722-1881 ext 202

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### **St. James website:**

"**Family Resources**" link is where you can find weekly stories, puzzles, and activities for children, youth, and families.

It's sure to be fun for all !!!

### **Regional Fall Learning Event**

This year's Fall Learning event will take a lunch and learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The event is open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost.

Thursday, November 18, 2021: Forest Church

Presenter: Susan Sheppard

Thursday, November 25, 2021: New Study Immersion  
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (Our Moderator)

**The Communications Committee: St. James Visitor**

1. **Delivery** - We are putting the call out for volunteers to help in delivering the St. James Visitor. If you are interested, please email Sarah Norman at srhnorman@gmail.com

2. **Submissions** - We are now accepting submissions for the St. James Christmas Visitor.

Do you have a story to tell (fiction or non-fiction), a poem you wrote, a song/limerick/recipe/drawing/painting/photograph, or any other item of interest you would like to share, please email it to info@stjamesuc.org with the subject line "Christmas Visitor Submission."

**Deadline for Submissions:** Tuesday, November 19, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

**A Masked Face-to-Face:** (Rev.) James is open to come see you for a visit (while maintaining proper health protocols). To arrange a visit, email him at james@stjamesuc.org or give him a call at 351-0983.