

November 7, 2021 – Remembrance Sunday
(Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Organist: Amy Daziel
Music Leadership: Senior Choir

We Come to Worship

PIANO PRELUDE: White Cliffs of Dover

WELCOME

We extend words of greeting in Mi'kmawi'simk, Pashto and Mandarin.

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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "O Canada"

Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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.

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.

OPENING/OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

God of Shalom, each year at this time we hold in our hearts the memory of men and women who lost their lives in wars past. Even as we do, we are aware of the conflicts that still impact our world, and so recognize that like those who came before us, we too are called to share our lives in such a way that

love overcomes hatred, compassion wins over judgment and peace stands guard against violence of all kinds. May we remember your generous grace in all that we do, and work for a world where all that you have made is fairly shared by all. We pray in the name of One we call Prince of Peace. Amen.

We Remember

CHORAL INTROIT: "In Flanders Fields" (Eleanor Daley)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (adapted from *Hebrew Union Prayer Book*)

One: We remember with sorrow all whose lives were lost, whom death has taken from our midst. We recall them with reverence. In the rising of the sun and its going down:

All: We remember them.

One: In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter.

All: We remember them.

One: In the opening buds and the rebirth of spring.

All: We remember them.

One: In the blue of the sky and the warmth of summer.

All: We remember them.

One: In the rustling leaves and the beauty of autumn.

All: We remember them.

One: In the beginning of the year and when it ends.

All: We remember them.

One: When we are weary and in need of strength.

All: We remember them.

One: When we are lost and are sick of heart.

All: We remember them.

One: When we have joys that we yearn to share.

All: We remember them.

One: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us

All: as we remember them.

PIPER'S LAMENT: "Flowers of the Forest"

TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,

All: and may perpetual light shine upon them.

One: May their souls through your great mercy rest in peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN: "Weep for the Dead" *Voices United 526* *Sung to the tune of: VU 527*

Weep for the dead. Let tears and silence tell
of blood and battle, horror and renown.

The years diminish, but do not dispel
the pain of lives destroyed, and life laid down.

Silent the dead. Remembering, we stand
silent as they, for words cannot esteem
causes of war, the love of native land,
all that they were, and all they might have been.

Raising our flag, we stand with muffled drum,
judged by the colours of God's love and loss,
recalling, as we pray, "Your Kingdom come,"
a purple robe, and blood upon a cross.

Summoned by love that leaves no room for pride,
we pray that every continent and isle,
wounded by war, war's hate may lay aside,
and find a way to heal and reconcile.

Weep for the dead, from all the ills of earth.
Stand by the cross that bids all hatred cease.
March to the drums of dignity and worth.
Salute the King of Love, the Prince of Peace.

We Listen

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 146

MEDITATION

READINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

From peoples of the East: Words of Geshe Kelsang Gyatso, Tibetan

From peoples of the South: Words of Nelson Mandela, Xhosa

From peoples of the West: Words of Dennis Banks, Anishnaabe

From peoples of the North: Words of Mairead Corrigan, Irish

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN: "God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" *VU 676*

God, make us servants of your peace;
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;

where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understand hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly.
For in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
God, make us servants of your peace
to wake at last in heaven's light.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

(Please pray the Lord's Prayer in your first language.)

We Leave to Serve

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM: "Ode to Newfoundland"

When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
And Summer spreads her hand
When silver voices tune thy rills
We love thee smiling land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee smiling land.

As loved our fathers, so we love
Where once they stood we stand
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above
God guard thee Newfoundland
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland.

-Sir Cavendish Boyle

BENEDICTION and SENDING FORTH

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Nimrod by E. Edgar

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Life and Work – November 7, 2021

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

*In loving memory of Jean, and Gilbert Inkpen from Gillian Brown.

Vaccine Passports

There appears to be some confusion regarding the scanning of the QR codes and record keeping, if you give permission.

Because we consider these records as confidential, we are not sharing the lists with anyone else. Therefore, while it may be a nuisance, you will be required to show your QR passport the first time you enter the building for worship, for any and all groups you may be members of, or if you come to the office. Each of these will maintain their own records. Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience.

St. James Anniversary Take-out Turkey Cold-Plate Fundraiser

The Stewardship Committee is holding a turkey cold-plate, take-out dinner, fundraiser on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in celebration of our congregational anniversary. Prepared by Coffee Matters in Mount Pearl, each meal includes: fresh roasted turkey, ham, two potato salads, macaroni salad, coleslaw, dressing, cranberry sauce, a roll & butter, and a cookie for dessert.

Cold Plate Pick-up: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 4pm - 6pm.

NOTE: we will be providing time slots for pick up times.

The Stewardship Committee - seeking volunteers to help with the Anniversary Take-Out Turkey Cold-Plates.

We are seeking some volunteers for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 to help with assembly and distribution of the meals.

If you are interested in helping, contact Robin Bartlett at 754-5409 or 682-3927.

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 Phone: 722-1881 ext 202

Cell: 351-0983

St. James website now has a "Family Resources" link.

"Family Resources" section is where you can find weekly stories, puzzles, and activities for children, youth, and families. Its 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/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.

Meeting our New Minister:

Now that (Rev.) James has settled into St. John's, he is looking forward to meeting members of our congregation.

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.

Fall UCW Bakeless Bake Sale:

Before the pandemic, the UCW would be busy preparing for our Annual Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Saturday, November 6th.

Your donations of items for the bake and craft tables, and your attendance has always helped make our sales a tremendous success. Since March 2020, we have missed three sales which would have enabled us to contribute approximately \$15,000.00 to aid the church financially.

For this year's Fall Sale we are having a Bakeless Bake Sale and collecting monetary donations in lieu of items. Think about what you would spend on an in-person sale (baking, buying, entry fee, etc) and we hope that you will turn that into a financial contribution to our virtual sale.

How to Donate - Be sure to include "For UCW Sale" on cheque, or special instructions with Donate button or e-transfer.

1. Cheque or cash. Make cheque payable to "St. James UCW Sale"

a) pass into collection plate

b) place in outside mail slot by side door of church

c) drop into church office (10-2 Mon-Fri)

d) mail cheque to:

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2. Donate button on church website

3. E-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org