

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



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, our city and all of society. We affirm each person's uniqueness and believe that all persons deserve to be valued, treated with equity, and respected. We are all children of God, walking many paths of spirituality.

Further, we proudly and publicly declare our commitment to practice radical hospitality and strive in every way to provide a safe and supportive place for all persons to participate in the worship and work of our church.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we embrace all persons, regardless of creed, race, age, ability, economic status, cultural and ethnic background, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or any other difference that has led to marginalization or oppression.

**June 12, 2022, Ocean Sunday and
First Sunday after Pentecost**
(Second Sunday of Pride Month)

Leading Worship:	Rev. James Ravenscroft, Gloria Le Feuvre, and Michelle Skinner
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Music Leadership:	Rebecca-Ann Bartlett
Ushers:	Marilyn Adams, Susan Pike, Jean Thompson, Geoffrey & Carol Pike

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We extend greetings in Inuktitut, Spanish and Tagalog as we gather as a community, lighting the candle as a sign of Christ's presence both with 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We invite the oceans to worship with us.

All: Deep currents and mountain peaks on the ocean floor.

One: We call the seven seas to celebrate with us.

All: Icebergs from the poles and warm waters of the equator.

One: We join all ocean life in songs of praise,

All: Capelin dancing on the surface and whales that crest from deep below.

One: We summon the seashore to magnify God.

All: Puffin, plover, and porpoise splashing in praise.

One: We invite you oceans, seas and watery deeps
to rumble and roar in praise with us today.

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Creative and creating God, we pray with thanks with all that you have made, with kelp and cod, with reefs and stingrays, in awe of the mystery of the sea. This ocean that surrounds us and defines who we are, has given us so much, and yet has taken as well. May that experience not deafen us to her call for protection, but rather invite us to discern your presence in her tides, and to return your love by caring for all your waterways. In the name of the Word who governs all creation. Amen.

HYMN: "Called by Earth and Sky" *More Voices 135*

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We acknowledge the connection between work and worship, announcing what is going on in our congregation.*

OFFERTORY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Voices United 541*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures high and low, give thanks to God in love made known, Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate our offerings to the work of God's reign of love, justice & peace.

We Listen

SOLO

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

READINGS: Selected verses of Psalm 148 and Proverbs 8:22-31

VIDEO ABOUT PLASTICS AND THE OCEAN

HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Voices United 226*

SHARED MESSAGE: Gloria Le Feuvre and Michelle Skinner

READING: "Sea Reverie" by Abram Joseph Ryan

VIDEO ABOUT THE CLEAN HARBOURS INITIATIVE

HYMN: "Song of Waters" *More Voices 55*
(sung to the tune *Lauda Anima*, "Praise My Soul the God of Heaven" VU 240.)

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We take time to pray for the needs of our global and local communities, knowing that what we pray for we in turn are called to do something about.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

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 and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me" *Voices United 637*

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As vast as the ocean is the love and peace of God. May that love and peace surround, hold and bless you always.

All: **Amen!**

One: Go forth then to bring God's love and peace to all creation.

All: **We go in God's grace. Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL POSTLUDE