

## St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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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.

In loving memory of a cherished father

**Eric Paul**

from Nancy and Anthony

"Dad's wisdom, love, and support will always guide us. He is forever in our hearts.

In loving memory of husband, father, grandfather,

and great grandfather

**Adolphe (Al) Penney**

Also, in memory of all grandfathers and great grandfathers.

From Minnie

**June 19, 2022, Indigenous Peoples Sunday, Father's Day, and the Second Sunday after Pentecost**

(Third Sunday of Indigenous History Month)

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Music Leadership: Bob Rose and Jean Rose  
Ushers: Susan Pike, Marilyn Adams, and Jean Thompson

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## **We Come to Worship**

### **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

*We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, Mandarin and Tamil 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 come together in a spirit of love, hearts open to wisdom.

**All: We come knowing we must live with respect in creation.**

One: We seek to be honest, sharing our lives with authenticity,

**All: knowing it takes courage to face our past with integrity.**

One: We will pray with humility, one part of the sacred web of life.

**All: and with openness to the truth at the heart of all things.**

One: We worship with gratitude to the Creator, and for these sacred teachings passed down from nation to nation.

#### **OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)***

**Loving Creator, we pray today with thanks for your teachings shared in many cultures and traditions, especially for the wisdom of the peoples who lived here, and whose continued stewardship of these lands reminds us that we too must consider who will come after. As we pray together, may we open our hearts to the truth of our history, and commit to walking together in a new way, our hearts open to one another, to all nations, and to you. We pray in the name of Jesus our elder brother. Amen.**

**HYMN:** "God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie" *More Voices* 53 (Sung to the tune *Beach Spring VU 374*)

## **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"

**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 love, justice, and peace.*

## We Listen

### **LEARNING TOGETHER: REFLECTIONS ON FATHERHOOD**

*We explore themes of the day in a manner that is accessible to all ages.*

**SOLO:** "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing"

*Solo will be sung twice. We ask the congregation to join in on the second singing.*

### **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

*We open our hearts in preparation to hear the readings of the day.*

**READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:8-16; Luke 8:26-39

**SONG:** "We Shall Remain (It Was Not Taken)" by Kalolin Johnson, of Eskasoni Mi'kmaq Nation.  
Dedicated to First Nations in Canada

**MESSAGE:** "A Story of Resilience"

## We Respond

**HYMN:** "This Path We Walk" (Sung to the tune O Waly Waly, "Gift of Love", Voices United 372)

- 1. This path we walk, through joy and tears,  
a living Way of faith and fears,  
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,  
when walked in love, we'll rise again.**
- 2. When life is shared, together, free  
we'll grow to be all we can be:  
a circle wide will call us home,  
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.**
- 3. These gifts we bring, this light we hold,  
our songs of grace, our stories told,  
remain un-done, told just in part,  
till shared in love and known by heart.**
- 4. When life is shared, together bound,  
God's richest gifts, together found;  
together walk the Spirit's Way when love's the guide,  
we shall not stray.**
- 5. This life we share, a blessing deep;  
a promised gift, now ours to keep.  
God grant our words were spoken true,  
now clothed in life, each day anew.**

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### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR CONFIRMATION**

*Leah Smith is presented to reaffirm her baptismal commitment.*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

### CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

One: Let us pledge... our continued support and care.

**All: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in love.**

### PRAYER OVER THE WATER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Leah comes forward accompanied by family to pray for the Spirit with her.*

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLE & COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*Following the presentation of bibles, we share this prayer:*

One: ... dedicating your gifts to God's Reign.

**All: Go into the world in the power of the Spirit. Seek justice, walk in faith, act with love, for to this you were called.**

### 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:** "Be Thou My Vision" *Voices United* 642

### BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As vast as the expanse of land, sky, and sea, and diverse as the life that calls them home, is the love and peace of God.

May that expansive love and peace hold and bless you always.

**All: Amen!**

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

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

### MUSICAL POSTLUDE

#### St. James United Church

Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
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