

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.

July 24, 2022, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Leading worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft

Music Director: Amy Dalziel

Ushers: Carol and Clifford Smith,
Jean Thompson and Marilyn Adams

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We extend greetings in Mi'kmawisimk, German and Farsi as we gather as a community, lighting the candle as a sign of Christ's presence 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.

HYMN: "In Loving Partnership We Come" *Voices United* 603

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 85*)

One: In the peace of God we gather as a people,

All: gathering in faithful love for God and each other.

One: This love has its origin in God's love,

All: a love which embraces the whole breadth of creation.

One: And so we trust in God's goodness, truth and grace,

All: ever before us, making a path for justice and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever faithful God, in you we find peace,
a gift of grace that embraces us fully in love,
and calls us to reach out with that same love to others.
Open us then to this grace, transforming hearts,
And through those hearts, restoring your world.
We pray in the name of Jesus, your Word among us.
Amen.**

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" *VU* 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 love, justice and peace. Tax receipts are issued at year-end if donor's name and address are provided.

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

SOLO

PRAYER FOR GRACE

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

READINGS: Hosea 1:2-10; Luke 11:1-13

MESSAGE: "Restored in Grace"

We Respond

HYMN: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" *Voices United* 356

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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Voices United* 288

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

One: Blessed by God who faithfully calls us in mercy,
we go now to share God's justice and compassion for all;

All: together we will journey towards God's reign of love.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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Lead Minister:	James Ravenscroft, OM
Youth/Christian Education Minister:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
Office Administrator:	Stephanie Harnum
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor