

St. James United Church



1958-2022
Celebrating 64 Years

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of:

James Alan Beckett

(Dec. 25, 1940 - Nov. 17, 2021)

"Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."
From Sheilah, David, Tina and Kayleigh.

This Bulletin is dedication in loving memory of:

Wilfred (Wilf) Snelgrove

(Nov. 13, 1937 - Nov. 26, 2021)

Ever loved, always remembered by Wife Sylvia, Daughters Erna,
Lynne and Families.

November 20, 2022 – Anniversary Sunday and Celebration of the Reign of Christ

Leading Worship Today: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and Senior Choir
Ushering: Kim and Gerry Mayo, Susan Pike,
Marilyn Adams, and Jean Thompson

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, Igbo, and Mandarin Chinese as we light the candle as a sign of Christ's Spirit both with and within us.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who steward it and pledge to be a safer and inclusive space for everyone.

VIDEO GREETING: *The first of several reflections from ministry personnel whose sense of call was nurtured at St. James United Church.*

INTROIT: "O Jesus Christ" (*Voices United 329, verse 1*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 46*)

Come and worship, draw near to God our refuge and strength.
We come to the river which makes glad the city of God.
Come and sing, sing praises like the birds greeting the dawn.
We lift our voices in joy to God who is in the midst of the city.
Come and be still, and open your hearts to God.
We pray with open hearts, for the Lord of hosts is with us.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

With open hearts we pray to you, O God,
Source of Life and Wellspring of Grace.
On this day when the universal church
ponders the meaning of Christ's reign,
we come together to give thanks for all of the ways
we have sought to embody your kingdom at St. James,

to be your presence of love in this time and in this place.
As we sing and pray, may we be awakened in hope,
inspired to follow Christ into the promise of your realm.
In his name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: “Jesus Shall Reign” (*Voices United* 330)

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK

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

OFFERTORY: “In Gratitude & Humble Trust” (*Voices United* 544)

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. O God, you give yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate our offerings to the work of God’s love and justice. Tax receipts issued at year-end if donor’s name and address are provided.

HONOURING TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

We take time to light candles in memory of those who were killed this past year simply because of their gender identity or expression. Gratitude to the Rev. Robin Braffet Murray for this adapted candle lighting liturgy. Please respond as printed as we light blue, pink and white candles.

After the Blue Candle is lit from the Christ Candle, we say:

Their light comes from the eternal light. It will not be put out.

After the Pink Candle is lit from the Christ Candle, we say:

Their light comes from the eternal light. It will not be put out.

After the White Candle is lit from the Christ Candle, we say:

Their light comes from the eternal light. It will not be put out.

May all be free to shine as who they are both inside and out.

HYMN: “Rejoice the Lord Is King” (*see insert*)

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

HYMN: “Alleluia, Praise to God” (*More Voices* 59)

READINGS: Luke 23:33-43 and Colossians 1:11-20

VIDEO REFLECTIONS 1:

ANTHEM: “Ye Servants of God” (Henry Coleman)

READING: “A Pilgrimage” by Susan Palo Cherwien

VIDEO REFLECTIONS 2

HYMN: “The Church’s One Foundation” (VU 331, vs. 1, 2 and 5)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: “Rise Up, O Saints of God” (see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

	St. James United Church
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