

# 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

In Loving Memory of:

**Don Marshall**

*(June 6, 1933 - Feb 22, 1993)*

From his Wife - Vera, Daughters - Janet (Tony) and Joanne  
and Grandchildren - Kathryn, Emily, Rachel and Samuel

## **February 19: Transfiguration Sunday**

Leading Worship: Rev. Miriam Bowlby

Leading Music: The Guitar Group

Ushers: Susan Pike, Jean Thompson, and Marilyn Adams

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**We Come to Worship**

**PRELUDE**

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

*We light a candle as a sign of Christ's presence with us as a community.*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP**

*We 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: O God, you call us out of our ordinary lives;

**All: to see your glory.**

One: You call us to reach beyond the known

**All: to hear the wonder of your word.**

One: You call us to worship together

**All: to touch your grace.**

One: Come let us worship

**All: worship the God of glory, wonder and grace.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name.**

**We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength**

**to answer your call. Open our ears, open our hearts also,**

**that we may experience again the renewing power of your Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship,**

**that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children.**

**We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen**

**HYMN:** "How Great Thou Art" (*Voices United 238*)

### **We Share**

**OUR LIFE AND WORK:** *We share what is going on in our community.*

**OFFERTORY:** "When Heaven's Bright with Mystery" (*VU 93, v 4*)

**When heaven's bright with mystery and stars still lead an unknown way, when love still lights a gentle path when courts of power can hold no sway, there with the Magi let us kneel, our gifts to share, God's world to heal.**

### **We Listen**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION**

### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

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

**HYMN:** "God of the Mountain"

**READINGS:** Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

### **ANTHEM**

**MESSAGE:** Rev. Miriam Bowlby

### **We Respond**

**HYMN:** "Here I am Lord" (*Voices United 509*)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We take time to pray for the needs of our global and local communities.*

### THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer)

**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 king-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### We Leave to Serve

**HYMN:** "Blessed Assurance" (*Voices United 337*)

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH:

One: Deepest mystery of grace,  
beneath, above, around and within;

**All: on the mountain you showed your glory.**

One: As your Spirit invites us  
into new, even daring ways of following Jesus,

**All: may our lives be parables of your love, justice and freedom  
in every gesture and deed.**

One: May God as love dwell within us.

**All: May God as light bring new insights and encouragement.**

One: May God as grace take us on a journey of compassion.

**All: May God as hope give us courage to let our light shine**

### POSTLUDE

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#### St. James United Church

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