

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

330 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9

Celebration of Worship for June 2, 2024



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, 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 2, 2024, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Becca-ann Bartlett
Ushers: Marilyn Adams, Daphne Coish, Maxine Rose,
Jean Thompson and Betty Pilgrim

*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an *.
Print in **bold** indicates that the portion is read or sung by everyone.*

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We greet each other in Mi'kmaq, French & Ukrainian as we give thanks for the land and Indigenous peoples and commit to full inclusion for all.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We continue to extend welcome with signs of Christ's peace, offering a wave, a bow, a hand to the heart, a prayerful wish for God's blessings.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 139)*

Come! Praise and worship the One who made us,
the One who knows us through and through.

Come! Give thanks to the One who breathed life into us,
giving us the ability to love and serve and find our purpose.

Come! Affirm God's abiding presence, the One holding us in love.
With praise and thanks let us worship the God who leads us.

OPENING PRAYER

We worship you, God of life. Wherever we turn we discover signs of your loving presence in creation, invitations to share in your generosity and grace. Here too we feel you with us, calling us to seek your wisdom and to learn from Jesus what is right and true. Be with us then as we worship, that in your Spirit we may be restored in your peace. Amen.

* **HYMN:** “Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing” (*Voices United 223*)

We Share in Love

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

OFFERTORY: *There are many ways to give to St. James. You can place an offering in the plate, scan the QR code on the left, contribute via PAR, website (www.stjamesuc.org), e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), mail to the church office or drop in our secure mailbox. In whatever way you choose to give, the community is grateful.*



* **PRESENTATION HYMN:** *We dedicate our offerings to God’s love as we sing: “Spirit of Life” (*Voices United 381*)*
Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving me the shape of justice. Roots hold close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life come to me, come to me.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” (*More Voices 10*)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
1 Samuel 3:1-20, Mark 2:23-3:6; Excerpt from *Night* by Eli Wiesel

SOLO: “Close Enough” by Becca-ann Bartlett

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

HYMN: “I Am a Child of God” (*More Voices 157*)

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 also are called to do something about.

PRAYER OF JESUS (in unison) (Voices United p. 921)

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (*Voices United* 509)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

Go into the world renewed by God's word.

We go restored by this gift of Sunday rest.

Go into the world inspired by the witness of Christ.

We go emboldened to follow his way.

Go into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go with God’s blessing to live out God’s reign of love.

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Council Chair:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
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Life and Work - June 2, 2024

We acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

*In loving memory of Father, Captain Walter Blackwood from Lorna Jamieson.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Flower Garden Fund:

*In memory of June Jones from Vera Marshall.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial fund:

*In memory of June Jones from the UCW.

Cold Plate Dinner Fundraiser: St. James Untied Church is now taking orders for Cold Plate Dinners. They are \$18 and can be pre-ordered by calling the church office at (709) 722-1881 ext. 200. Payment is required to place your order and can be paid in person or by e-transfer. The dinners will be available for pickup on June 21, 2024, anytime after 1:00pm. Deadline for Orders is June 14, 2024.

Help Requested with Cold Plate Dinners: Would anyone be available and interested in the morning of June 21st to help put the Cold Plate dinners together and again in the afternoon to help distribute them? We will need 3 to 4 people.

Caution - construction: The construction has started on Elizabeth Avenue. When coming to the church, please use the back entrance of the church on Paton Street to avoid construction and detours.

Parking Permits Required: We have been informed by MUN parking enforcement that there have been incidents of high school students parking in our parking spaces. Due to this, parking enforcement will actively be checking our parking lot. We have been asked to provide temporary parking permits to our visitors of the church during weekdays. This will help indicate to MUN parking enforcement who is a visitor of the church and who is not. When visiting the church, please see Stephanie in the church office for your temporary parking permit. Thank you.

Finance Update to April 30, 2024

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, back on March 17, 2024, you approved a Deficit Budget of \$50,536.00. Below is where St. James is at on April 30th compared to 2023 for the same date.

Revenue:	2024	2023
Collections	47,677.45	53,357.24
Other Envelopes	12,150.80	8,512.70
Rentals	15,161.21	16,642.72
All Other Revenue	<u>5,799.78</u>	<u>6,005.59</u>
Total Revenue	80,789.24	84,518.25
Expenses:		
Heat	15,957.89	19,201.61
Light	2,693.90	2,294.06
Church	36,403.62	30,758.11
Assessments	3,926.00	4,035.25
Committees	603.31	187.08
Salaries	<u>55,568.57</u>	<u>64,552.06</u>
Total Expenses	115,153.29	121,028.17
Net Loss	-34,364.05	-36,509.92

1. Collections are down from last year and that is partly due to being closed for two Sunday's due to a snowstorm. We want to thank everyone that have increased their givings in 2024.
2. Heat is down a bit from last year.
3. Church expenses are up and this is due to the hot water boiler leaking and having to be replaced; one of the toilets downstairs was backed-up and we had to call in a plumber; insurance increased from last year by \$3,000 and our maintenance and cleaning cost have increased.