

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

**Celebration of Worship for May 12, 2024
Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day**



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.

In Loving Memory of a Cherished Mother
Roma Paul
From: Nancy & Anthony
“Your kind and loving ways taught us so much.
You will always be our guiding light.”

In Loving Memory of Parents
Noel and Christine Halfyard
From Son and Daughter, Keith and Margaret

May 12, 2024, Christian Family Sunday/Mother’s Day
Leading Worship: Rev. Peggy Johnson, Visiting Minister
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Ushers: Alice Quainoo and Hawa Abdul-Aziz,
Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson and Susan Pike

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’kmawi’simk, French & Farsi as we acknowledge the land and local Indigenous peoples and commit to full inclusion for all.

INTROIT: “Forsaking Chariots of Fire” (VU 192, verses 2 and 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace and the peace of the risen Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: On this Christian Family Sunday, let us honor all those who guided us in the ways of the Lord in our youth.

All: Today, we celebrate mothers...those mothers who are still with us and those whose memory fills a special place in our hearts.

One: Praise and thanksgiving be to God for the families we shared in our childhood and for those families we created as we grew older.

All: Together, as the family of God, let us worship together.

* **HYMN:** “*Come In, Come In and Sit Down*” (Voices United 395)

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, you have promised to meet all those who call upon your name. Come now, as we worship you with prayer and song. Be present as we read and hear you Scriptures. May we feel your presence as we celebrate your love and the love we share with our families and friends. Transform us that we may be a blessing unto our own families, our community, and the world. We pray in the name of Jesus our brother, Redeemer, and friend. Amen

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Share in Love

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

OFFERTORY: *There are many ways to share financial gifts with St. James United Church. If you prefer not to place a contribution in the offering plate, you may contribute by pre-authorized remittance (PAR), via e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), sent through the website (www.stjamesuc.org), mailed to the church office or dropped into our secure mailbox. In whatever way you give, the community is grateful.*

* **PRESENTATION HYMN:** *We dedicate our offerings to God’s love as we sing “Hallelujah, Hallelujah” (Voices United 179, v 4)*

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God’s name. Come
let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God’s name.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

We bring our gifts to you, O God. Here is the work of our hands, the fruits of our labors, and the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them in your service. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Listen and Respond

* **HYMN:** “For the Beauty of the Earth (Voices United 226)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*

Ruth 1:1-19a, Psalm 139 (*Voices United, p. 861*),
1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, Matthew 15: 21-28

ANTHEM: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

REFLECTION ON READINGS: "A Love That Never Gives Up"

* **HYMN:** "We Praise you, O God" (*Voices United 218*)

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.

The Lord's Prayer: Repeated together (*Voices United 921*)

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" (*VU 556*)
(*Sung In Tune of 664*)

* **COMISSIONING** (Unison)

Let us go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us remember that life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, quick to forgive and always be kind.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Council Chair:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director:	Bob Rose
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
Office Administrator:	Stephanie Harnum
Church Custodian:	Bruce Winsor

Life and Work - May 12, 2024

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family on the passing of their loved one:

Heather Cutler passed away peacefully at home and surrounded by her family on Sunday, May 5th, 2024. Deepest condolences are extended to husband Barry Cutler, their children, family and friends. Visitation will take place at Barrett's Funeral Home, 328 Hamilton Avenue from 2-4pm & 7-9pm on Thursday, May 9th. Service will be held at Barrett's Memorial Chapel on Friday, May 9th at 2 pm followed by burial at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

We acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- * In loving memory of my Brother, Harvey Weir, who passed away on January 10, 2024 from Joan Downton
- * In loving memory of Harvey Weir from Gail Weir
- * In loving memory of Mother, May Stokes, Sister Shirley Ford and Barbara Myles from Jean and Family.
- * In memory of our Mothers, Anastasia Hann and Mary Dyke from Menetha and Sid Dyke

We acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:

- * In memory of our mothers, Margaret Quick Babstock and Mildred Bradley Murphy from Linda and Edward Murphy

Memorial Hymn Sing:

- * In Loving Memory of Don Marshall from his Wife Vera and Daughters Janet and Joanne and Families.

Away for School: Rev. James is currently away in Toronto until May 17. Rev. Rebecca will be covering pastoral emergencies while he is away.

AOTS: The May meeting of the men's club will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at the church. We will meet at the usual time 12:30 with the meal served at 1:00. New members are always welcome.

Please note the change of meeting day for this month.

Help for Pentecost Service on May 19: A couple of requests for Pentecost. 1. Can you speak a language other than English, including ASL? Then we need your help for Pentecost Sunday during which we hope to have short readings in multiple languages (at least 7). 2. Would

any crafters be willing to make flames that we can hang in place of the butterflies. Various sizes on cardstock would be great! If you can help in either of these tasks, let Rev. James know. Email james@stjamesuc.org).

Were you baptized as an infant and now would like to be confirmed as a full member of the church (or perhaps you had your child baptized as an infant and it is time for them to be confirmed and become a full member? We are trying to gauge interest in a confirmation course. Contact Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org) to let him know.

Summer Student: St James United Church is accepting applications for summer employment from interested, energetic youth aged 15 - 30 years under the Canada Summer Jobs initiative.

Scope of work:

Office/administrative duties; Archival preparation; Outreach; and Communications

Hours of work: 35 hours per week

Hourly wage: \$15.60

Anticipated start date: June 25, 2024 for a period of 8 weeks.

Application Deadline: Friday, May 17 by 5PM.

Application/resumes should be forwarded to:

Student Employment
St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue
St. John's NL, A1B 1T9

Email: info@stjamesuc.org

Subject; student employment



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