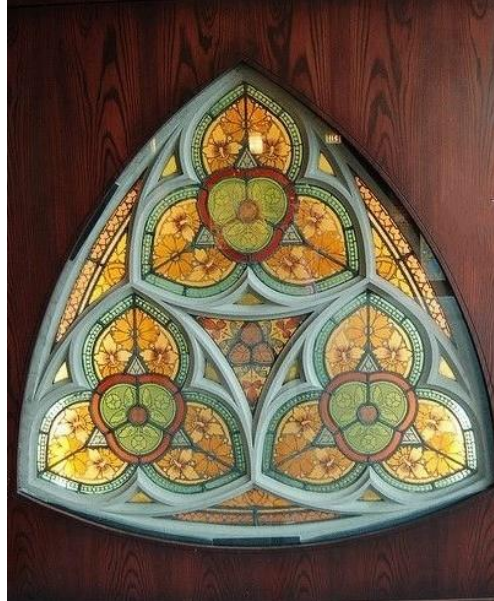


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for May 26, 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.

In loving memory of
Bethany Danielle Pike
January 8, 1988-May 27, 2008
Ever remembered with love
Stephen, Susan, Rebecca and Kyle

May 26, 2024, Trinity Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose and the Senior Choir
Ushers: Bill and Cindy Pike, Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson
and Susan Pike

*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 Innu-aimun, French & Turkish as we acknowledge the land and local Indigenous peoples and commit to full inclusion for all.

*** 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.

INTROIT: "Maker, in Whom We Live" (VU 321, verses 1, 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We shape a space for the three who are one: Spirit, Christ, Abba,
space in our hearts for holy breath, living word, source of all.

We shape a space where all three tangle in our life and worship,
where everything and everyone can join in relationship.

We shape a space for the many faces of God to be revealed,
where we meet the God who is made known in each of us.

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy One and Holy Three,
as we gather in prayer to shape a space for you,
shape a space in us as well:
an open space for you to plant a new creation,
a listening space for you to speak your Word,
a nurturing space for you to breathe in love,
a holy space for you to dwell today and always. Amen.

* **HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*Voices United 315*)

We Share in Love

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



OFFERTORY: *There are many ways to support St. James. You can place an offering in the plate, use the QR Code on the left, give via PAR, send through the website (www.stjamesuc.org), by e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), mail to the church or drop 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: “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."*
Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17; excerpt from *God, Christ and Church: A Practical Guide to Process Theology* by Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki

ANTHEM: "I Bind unto Myself Today"

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

HYMN: "O God Whose First Creative Word" (*Voices United 322*)

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:** "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" (*VU 312*)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:**

May God who has named you, bless you,
reminding you of who you are: a beloved child of God.
May Jesus, who walks alongside us, bless us,
calling us as his disciples to embody his way of peace.
May the Spirit, who animates all life, bless the world,
opening every heart to the transforming possibility that
we call love. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Ass. Music Director:	Bob Rose
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
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Life and Work - May 26, 2024

We offer our sincere condolences to the family on the passing of June Jones who passed peacefully on May 16, 2024, age 86. Cremation has taken place. A private family gathering will take place at a later date.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Chesley Howell who passed peacefully on May 18, 2024, age 104 years. Funeral Service was held at 10am on Wednesday, May 22 here at St. James United Church with interment followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

We acknowledge the following Donation to Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:

In loving memory of Bethany Danielle Pike. January 8, 1988-May 27, 2008. Ever remembered with love, Stephen, Susan, Rebecca and Kyle.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

In memory of June Jones from Menetha and Sid Dyke.

Pub Theology: Our Pub Theology time is a bit late this month. We will gather NEXT Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 at Guvnor's Pub (389 Elizabeth Ave) for conversation about faith, spirituality and life's big questions.

Wild Light Gathering: This Sunday at 3PM. Come for a meditative walk in Pippy Park with parking at the Fluvarium as we welcome the new leaves of the trees and the signs that spring is finally here.

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.