

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for June 23, 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 memory of
Ben S. Lake
June 26, 1939 to November 4, 2019
from Maude, Elizabeth, Jean, Joan, Lisa
and Families

June 23, 2024, Indigenous Peoples Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Glen Warren
Ushers: Daphne Coish, Menetha Dyke, Barbara Butt,
Marilyn Adams and Jean Thompson

*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 AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We greet each other in Innu-aimun, French and Farsi as we give thanks for the land and Indigenous peoples; we commit to full inclusion for all.

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:** *We extend welcome with signs of Christ's peace, offering a wave, a bow, a hand to the heart.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on the Ojibway Grandfather teachings)

One: We come together in a spirit of love, hearts open to wisdom.

All: We come knowing we must live with respect in creation.

One: We seek to be honest, sharing our lives with authenticity,

All: knowing it takes courage to face our past with integrity.

One: May we worship with humility, as one part of the web of life,

All: and with openness to the truth at the heart of all things.

OPENING PRAYER

Kisu'lkw, Kise Manito, Loving Creator,
**we pray today with thanks for the teachings
you have shared in many cultures and traditions,
especially those shared with the first peoples of this land. As we
reflect on them, may we open our hearts to all that is true, to the
perennial wisdom that you speak to every heart and reveal in the
diverse wonder of all that you have made. We pray in the name of
Jesus, firstborn of creation. Amen.**

* **HYMN:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (MV 30)

We Share in Love

A MINUTE FOR RECONCILIATION

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 to the left,
contribute via PAR, website (www.stjamesuc.org),
or e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), mail to
the church office or drop in our secure mailbox. In
what-ever way you choose to give, the community is grateful.*



* **PRESENTATION HYMN:** *We dedicate our offerings
to God's love as we sing:*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings" (VU 541)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures high and low,
give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

We Listen and Respond

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE

LEARNING TOGETHER

HYMN: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” (VU 356)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
1 Sam. 17:1-8, 33-49 Mk 4:35-41; from *Embers* by R. Wagamese

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REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

HYMN: “This Path We Walk” (Sung to the tune O Waly Waly, “Gift of Love”,
Voices United 372)

- 1. This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears, through each step’s risk,
each sorrow’s pain, when walked in love, we’ll rise again.**
- 2. When life is shared, together, free we’ll grow to be
all we can be: a circle wide will call us home,
when wrapped in love, we’re not alone.**
- 3. These gifts we bring, this light we hold, our songs
of grace, our stories told, remain un-done, told just
in part, till shared in love, and known by heart.**
- 4. When life is shared, together bound, God’s richest gifts,
together found; together walk the Spirit’s Way
when love’s the guide, we shall not stray.**
- 5. This life we share, a blessing deep; a promised gift,
now ours to keep. God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie”
(*More Voices 53*) (Sung to the tune *Beach Spring VU 374*)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

Go into the world renewed by God's word.

We go joined together in the unity of God's grace.

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 blessed to live out God's reign of reconciling love.

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
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We're Invited! Pride Themed Services on Sunday, July 21st: St. James UC and Gower Street UC will have a Pride-Focused Worship on Sunday, July 21 to celebrate Pride Week and Pride Sunday. As Two Affirming Congregations in the city, they are extending an invitation for all who would like to attend worship that Sunday morning and then join in walking (if you are able) in the Pride Parade @ 12:00pm. Gower Street UC will have an early service at 10AM and St. James UC service will be at 11AM. We hope to see you all there!

Walking in the Pride Parade: Once again, St. James United is joining with other churches to walk in the parade in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community. The parade is a bit earlier this year, starting at 12:00pm. The assembling area is at St. John's City Hall, 10 New Gower Street, and proceeds along Duckworth Street turning onto Cavendish Square and proceeding onto Military Road ending at Bannerman Park. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring some water. See you there!

Out in Faith Presents Thriving in Hard Times: Thursday, July 11 7:00PM to 8:30PM at the Lantern (25 Barnes Road) 2SLGBTQIA+ members and allies will share how spirituality helps them thrive in stressful times.

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 the construction and detours.

Parking Permits Required: We have been informed by MUN parking enforcement that there have been incidents of high school students and other people parking in our parking spaces. Due to this, parking enforcement will actively be monitoring 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.

2024 Cemetery Memorial Services

Gate of Heaven - June 25, 2024 at 7PM

Kilbride - July 2, 2024 at 7PM

Mount Pleasant (Hamilton Avenue Extension) - July 8, 2024 at 7PM

Mount Carmel - July 9, 2024 at 7PM

Anglican Cemetery (Kenmount Rd) - July 13, 2024 at 7PM

Belvedere - July 16, 2024 at 7PM

General Protestant (Topsail Road) - July 22, 2024 at 7PM

Anglican Cemetery (Forest) - July 17, 2024 at 7PM

Holy Sepulchre - July 23, 2024 at 7PM

Foxtrap (Dunns Hill Road) - July 28, 2024

Memorial Gardens (Beaumont Hamel Way) - July 29, 2024 at 7PM

Foxtrap (Church Road) - August 4, 2024

Salvation Army (Blackmarsh) - August 7, 2024

Please note:

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M. the next evening.