

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for July 14, 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.

Remembering
Rev. W.A. Coish
on his birthday, from the family.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP - July 14, 2024

Leading Worship: Rev. Nancy Mojica-Fisher

Leading Music: Amy Dalziel, Glenda Winsor, Joel Le Feuvre

Welcoming & Offering Team: Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson,
Aubrey Hill, and Ruby Hill

*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 Gather 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

WORDS OF WELCOME

*** 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

One: Holy is our God and worthy to be praise! Open your hearts to God's presence and rejoice!

All: **We come open to God's indwelling presence; We come eager to listen and be filled; we come rejoicing for our God is good and merciful!**

One: God is good!

All: **All the time!**

One: In good and challenging times, we are assured of God's healing saving-wonderful-indwelling love!

All: **Let us worship the God who fills us with love and hope!**

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, we thank you for the love you have bestowed upon us all through this past week - for the love that has brought us to this time of worship. We pray that you would bless us with your most Holy Presence this day and build in us a stronger faith. Meet us here, amid our doubts and questions that we may know we are heard and understood. Grant that as we pray and sing your praises that we may be built up in Christ Jesus and made more able to serve you and please you in all that we think, say, and do. Amen.

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

We Share in Love

LIFE & WORK OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY (*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: "We Give You But Your Own" (VU 542)*

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gifts may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (Unison)

Lord, you have entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the Gospel. We acknowledge that we cannot simply give money and expect your message to be spread. We must consistently give ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts, and service. Stir within use the courage to be Christian stewards throughout our daily living. Accept these gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Listen to the Sacred Story

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEARTS

(Engaging the theme with the congregation)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 24 (VU 751)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 5:24-34

DUET: Angels Watchin' Over Me - Spiritual

SHARING THE WORD: “*The Cross that Shapes Us*”

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 (*Unison*)

We Go Out Serve

* **HYMN:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (VU 651)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director:	Bob Rose
Technology Support:	Jake Thompson
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Life and Work – July 14, 2024

Away on Holiday: Rev. James is away on holidays from Wednesday, June 26 through to Tuesday, July 17.

While he is away, the following people will be available in case of a pastoral emergency:

- Rev. Kathy Brett will cover from July 10 to July 16

Please call or email the office for their contact information at info@stjamesuc.org or 1-709-722-1881.

Away on Holiday: Our Office Administrator Stephanie will be away on holidays from July 16th to August 20th, 2024. Our summer student Rachael Murphy will be covering the office in her absence.

Are you planning a road trip this summer? Or have to visit any provincial locations for work? If so, please take as many pictures as possible! We will be compiling them and creating a 2025 Scenes of Newfoundland and Labrador calendar that will be available for purchase in October (more details regarding the sale will be given later in the year). This is your chance to brag to friends and family that you are now a published photographer! So get out there and explore.....we can't wait to see all your talent.

Out In Faith NL is looking for singers to join a Pop-Up choir for their July 11th service. Choir practice will be held on Monday, July 8th at 7pm at St. James United Church on Elizabeth Ave. For more information, contact Liz Ohle at Outinfaithnl@gmail.com

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!

VOWR Banquet:

Radio Station VOWR (800 AM) is holding a Banquet on July 20th at Pleasantville Legion to celebrate its 100th Anniversary starting at 6:30 pm. A three-course meal will be served and bar service is available. Tickets are \$60; call 709-689-9142 or 709-579-9233 to order.

Wesley United Historic Service:

There will also be an historic church service at Wesley United Church, 101 Patrick Street at 11:00 am on Sunday July 21st. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!

2024 Cemetery Memorial Services

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.