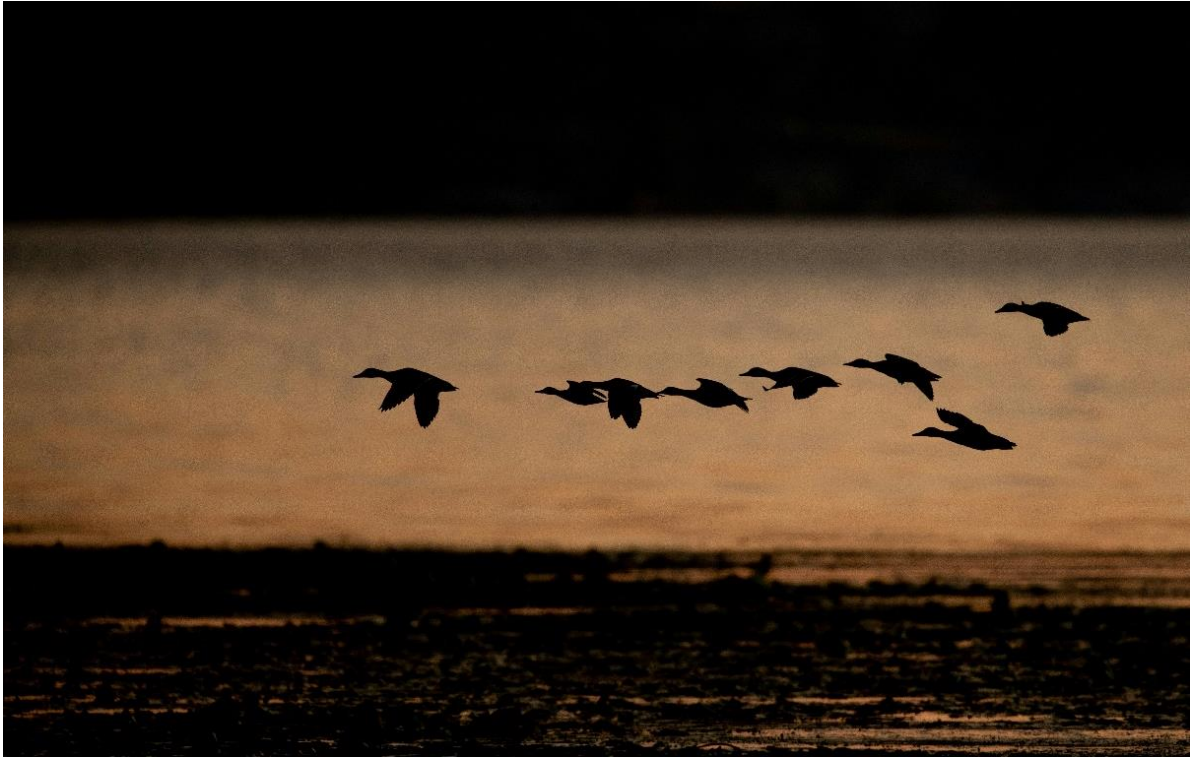


St. James United Church
A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9
Celebration of Worship for July 28, 2024



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.

July 28, 2024, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Stephanie Russell
Ushers: 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

WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We greet each other in Inuktitut, French and Korean 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 extend welcome with signs of Christ's peace, offering a wave, a bow, a hand to the heart.*

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 89:1-2)*

One: Let us sing of the tender mercies of God!

All: Young and old proclaim God's faithfulness.

One: We sing of God's unfailing love.

All: God's faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

One: Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship.

All: They will walk in the light of God's presence.

*** HYMN:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (*Voices United 288*)

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy One, ever faithful and ever true! We gather together in prayer, called together as siblings, each and every one kissed by your mercy, and embraced in your love. We give you thanks for the gift of this blessing and pray that your Spirit be at work in us as we worship, opening our hearts to the light of your presence in this place, to the light of your presence shining in each of our lives. To you alone, faithful Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be all honour and glory, this day and evermore. Amen.

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.*



* **HYMN:** "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" (VU 541)

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

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

**CHORUS: Wake up everybody! Yeah, yeah, yeah!
We are all VIP, we are all VIP. With some hard work,
good vibes and community, you and I, t y, in unity.**

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

2 Samuel 7:18-29, John 6:1-14, Excerpt from p. 22 of *God Has a Dream* by Desmond Tutu with Douglas Adams (Doubleday, 2005)

SOLO: Living Waters by K. and K. Getty

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

* **HYMN:** "Jesus, United by Your Grace" (*Voices United* 591)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the needs of our global and local communities.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Voices United*, p. 921)

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" (*More Voices* 161)

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

It is in knowing that we would find ourselves in loving community that we came to this sanctuary, and it is to extend the same gift of community that we go, called to uplift others in the reconciling grace of your love.

We go in the blessing of God who is community – Abba, Christ and Affirming Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

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Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
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Life and Work – July 28, 2024

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.

Bridges to Hope: Bridges to Hope is currently running a “Bag to School” Program to support K-12 students in our community. This program ensures hundreds of students go back to class in September with a backpack custom-filled with the supplies they need for a successful school year. For anyone wanting more information about the program and how to donate, there are brochures available at the church office.

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 the church office for your temporary parking permit. Thank you.

2024 Cemetery Memorial Services

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.