

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for July 7, 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 7, 2024, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Guy Matthews
Leading Music: Robert Rose and Jean Rose
Ushers: Marilyn Adams, Jean Thompson,
Bill and Cindy Pike

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

* **HYMN:** "Seek Ye First" (*Voices United 356*)

WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: We speak about the Peace of Christ in our lives often out of familiarity and without much thought. Yet it is this Peace that is at the very heart of our faith and that is the true longing of all of our hearts. We need it in our lives to live, to grow, to learn, and to love. Today as we look at the Lord's Prayer let's celebrate the freedom we find in the peace and forgiveness of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In languages known and unknown, our God speaks.

All: In billions of hearts our God lives;

One: Never bound by time or space, never controlled by politics or race, our God hears all prayers, loves all people, rejoices in all life.

All: We hear the call to gather and to celebrate the diversity of our God, to seek forgiveness for the times we've not recognized Christ's face, and to kneel in the presence of the one who knows us: for who we are, as we are and where we are; every pound of doubt, every ounce of faith – and loves us anyway.

One: Let us pray together the words that have come to mean so much to us, words we will hear repeated many times today:

OPENING PRAYER (*Voices United 921*)

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

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.*



***PRESENTATION HYMN:** “It’s A Song Of Praise To The Maker” (*MV 30*)
It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea.

We Listen and Respond

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE

ASSURANCE: “Amazing Grace” (*VU 266; Verses 1, 3, 4 & 5*)

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*
Ephesians 3:14-21, Luke 11:1 – 13

SOLO: “Be Still”, by David J. Evans, arr. James Whitbourn.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

HYMN: “Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare

by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

thy wings shall my petition bear

to him whose truth and faithfulness

engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face,

believe his word, and trust his grace,

I'll cast on him my every care,

and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of pray-er! sweet hour of prayer!

May I thy consolation share,

Till, from Mount Pisgah's lof-ty height,

I view my home and take my flight:

This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise

To seize the everlast-ing prize;

And shout, while passing through the air,

Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

One: O God, through Jesus you offer us hope and peace.

Now in his name we pray the prayer he gave to us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

One: Help us to know you through your inspired Word

and to live our lives according to its teachings

as they are revealed to us in our time and place.

All: Hallowed be thy name.

One: You are holy and we honour your name in our lives and with our lips.

All: Thy kingdom come.

One: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts,

and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

All: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

One: Make us eager to know your will for us

and to surrender our lives and our living to you.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: Merciful Lord, you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

All: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

One: Continue to erase our sins and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

All: And lead us not into temptation.

One: Help us not to be distracted from following you and guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of human pride.

All: But deliver us from evil.

One: Keep us safe from all that would harm our bodies, our souls, and our faith.

All: For thine is the kingdom,

One: For you are mightily, above all rulers, the earth is yours and all that is within it.

All: and the power,

One: You alone hold the power to speak into existence worlds known and unknown.

All: and the glory forever and ever.

One: We worship you from whom all blessings flow.

All: Amen. It shall be so.

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "You Shall Go Out With Joy" (*Voices United 884*)

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH (unison)

A Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer by Sarah Dylan Breuer

Loving Creator

we honor you,

and we honor all that you have made.

Renew the whole world

in the image of your love.

Give us what we need for today,

and a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Strengthen us for what lies ahead;

heal us from the hurts of the past;

give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For your love is the only power,

the only home, the only honor we need,

in this world and in the world to come. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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Life and Work - July 7, 2024

We offer our sincere condolences to George and Jean White on the passing of George's sister Inez Penney on June 30, 2024. Funeral service will be announced later.

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* In loving memory of Parents, Gilbert and Ruby Hiscock from Patsy.

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. Bill Mercer will cover from July 3 to July 9
- 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.

The Worship Services will be led by:

- Rev. Nancy Mojica-Fisher on Sunday, July 14

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!

2024 Cemetery Memorial Services

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.