

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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

Celebration of Worship for October 20, 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.

October 20, 2024, Social Action Sunday
(Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

Leading Worship: The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Jessica Wilcott
Ushers: Michelle and Wayne Skinner, Susan Pike,
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 AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP:

We give thanks for the land, First peoples, and commit to full inclusion.

*** SHARING PEACE:** *We extend welcome with signs of Christ's peace.
This time is concluded with a moment of reflective music.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**This is the day God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING PRAYER

God be with us. **Guide us and bless us as we gather today.**

God be with us. **As we search and struggle
to hear what you are calling us to do.**

God be with us. **As we seek to do justice, love kindness
and walk humbly with you and for all people,
acting for freedom from oppression, inequalities,
poverty and other injustices of life.**

God be with us and bless us.

**As you were in the past, as you are in the present
and for all of the tomorrows to come.**

May we be with you, O God, in faith and in faith-in-action,
as you are with us. **Amen**

* **HYMN:** “This is God’s Wondrous World” (VU 296)

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:** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” (Voices United 544)

**In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today, to
serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

We Listen and Respond

LEARNING TOGETHER: *We explore the theme of the day.*

* **HYMN:** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” (Voices United 312)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of our ancestors; God of all peoples here and now,
in whose goodness we find our graciousness,
in whose presence we find our calling,
grant us openness to hear your Word,**

**that we may be faith-full followers,
walking in your way to put our faith into action,
following the way of Jesus. Amen.**

READINGS: *At the end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*
Deuteronomy 8:11-18 and Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 20:1-15

SOLO: "Roll Down, Justice!" by Mark A. Miller

REFLECTIONS ON THE READNG: "Mending the World"

* **HYMN:** "Deep in Our Hearts" (*More Voices* 154)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** "Touch the Earth Gently" (*Voices United* 307)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

**Please join us in the auditorium following worship
for a 'Lunch and Learn' about Guaranteed Livable Income.**

St. James United Church

Chair of Council:	Michelle Skinner
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Associate Music Director:	Bob Rose
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Life and Work - October 20, 2024

We accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

* In memory of Tom Rose from Mary Daya, Phyllis and Isaac Thomas, Hannah Leahy, Jack and Florence Head, Daphne Coish, Shirley Downey, Vera Marshall, Catherine and Baxter Rose, Aubrey Hill, Linda Giannou, Peter and Shirley Barbour, and George and Jean White.

We accept the following donations to the General Fund:

* In memory of Tom Rose from St. James AOTS, Maude Lake, Muriel Cole and Paul and Jean Thompson.

St. James Calendar: Good news everyone, the calendars are ready to go! To place an order, please contact the office during regular business hours. Cost is \$20. Please note that payment will be required at time of order. There is a sample of the calendar by the office if you want to take a look. It would make a great Christmas gift!!

Free Books: We have some Sewing, Quilting, Knitting, Cross Stitch and Crafting books that are free for the taking to whoever would like them. We also have *Old Red Hymn Books* plus *Songs of the Gospel; Lyrics only*, plus *Good News Translation*, and *Books of the Psalms* that are free to anyone that would like to take them. They are located in the back of the foyer.

Free Sewing Machine(s) and supplies: We have 3 Sewing Machines with supplies (thread, fabric, buttons). A *Singer* brand without the peddle, A *White* brand and a *Brother* brand. We also have 3 irons. All free for the taking to whoever would like to have them!

Confirmation Preparation is set to begin: Are you in your mid to late teens and want to learn more about what our church believes? Running for 5 weeks, our first confirmation session will be on October 20 from 2 to 4 pm. Email Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org).

AOTS Men's Club Fish Dinner:

St. James United Church,
330 Elizabeth Avenue

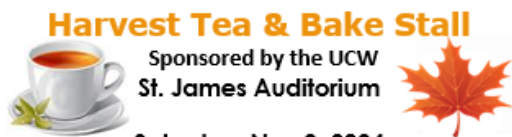


Friday, October 25, 2024
Time: 6pm Cost: \$25.00

* Tickets are available from any member of the AOTS Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306 *

UCW Harvest Tea and Bake Stall:

St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue



Saturday, Nov 2, 2024

Time: 2 - 4 pm Cost: \$8.00

Co-Conveners: Barbara Butt: (709) 687-1041
Sheilah Beckett: (709) 726-7421

All donations are greatly appreciated.
Tickets: May be purchased at the door.

St. James United Church Trunk N Treat: We are looking for your help this year. With the overwhelming number of children who attended last year, we ran short and had to turn some children away. So it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate some treats towards this event. If you cannot get out to shop, monetary donations are also welcome and we will buy what we need. Volunteers are also needed to give the treats out on the day of the event.