

# St. James United Church

United in Faith  
Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community  
of Love and Justice



June 2, 2024 @ 10 am

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

## CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

Sung Meditation Song – Spirit of Life # 381

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

Call to Worship – from Psalm 139

Our God searches and knows us.  
**God is acquainted with all our ways.**  
Even before words are on our tongues,  
God, knows them completely.  
**Let us join our words in prayer and praise.**

▲ Hymn – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #271

Opening Prayer

**Your hand is upon Your people, O God, to guide and  
protect us through the ages. Keep in Your  
service those You have called and anointed, that the  
powers of this world may not overwhelm us, but that,  
secure in Your love, we may carry out Your will in the  
face of all adversity. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer...

**We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,  
forgive us, and love us like a Mother  
and so we SING with confidence and faith,  
Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive them who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom  
And the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Mark 2:23-3:6

Reflection – “Do we always follow the rules?”

Reflective Music

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – I the Lord of Sea and Sky #509

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

# THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – In Christ There Is No East or West # 606

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Difference x 3

Go make a difference, we can make a difference  
Go make a difference in the world  
Go make a difference we can make a difference  
Go make a difference in the world.

Cover Photo – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

## Welcome!

Please join us for coffee and conversation downstairs following the service.

Check out the new photos on display on the bulletin board downstairs!

# THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY This Week at St James – June 2 - June 8, 2024

For the month of **June**, the **Rev. Judith Perry** will lead our services. St James will worship at Grace United on June 30 and all of July. **August 4th we are back**, and we'll be hosting Grace United as usual.

## Community Events

**Dartmouth Visual Arts Society (DVAS)** is presenting their spring art show and sale, May 28-June 3 at the Craig Gallery, Alderney Landing.

**Knox United Church** is presenting “**The Music of Anne Murray**”, featuring Jenn Sheppard and the Vinyl 33 Band. Saturday, June 8, 7pm, \$40.

**Dartmouth Players:** The Importance of being Earnest. Dartmouth Players are rehearsing now for their next production, June 14-30

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**Food Bank:** Tuesday 8:30-11 (June 11, 25)

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