

St. James United Church

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



June 23, 2024 @ 10 am

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledging the Territory

As we gather this morning, let us pause to remember, that in this region, we live and work and worship on lands that are the un-ceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace with its people.

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 (Responsive)

God, our Protector, stands with us through all life's storms,
***Our Protector gives us courage to risk danger and
to protect those who are oppressed and poor,
that they may know you as their stronghold and hope.***
Let us worship our Saviour and Defender.

▲ Hymn - Will You Come and Follow Me #567

Opening Prayer (Together)

***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.***

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

An Ancient Word
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Mark 4:35-41

Reflection – Best of all, God is with us

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – Eternal Father, Strong to Save #659

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Sharing our Gifts

*In the name and spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to You, O God.
Help us to give them with a ready mind,
a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen*

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community – See Insert

▲ Hymn - One More Step Along the World I Go #639

▲ 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.

This is our last service before the summer break, thank you to the **Rev. Judith Perry** for leading our services this June. 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. Our church office will be **closed from June 27 through July 31**, reopening on Aug 1. In the event of a pastoral emergency while the office is closed, please contact Grace United, at 902 466-3329.

We hope to see you at **Open Streets Dartmouth** after the service, 12-4 pm. It was a fun event last year, and we again have the button maker! Thank you to all volunteers and for the cookie donations (store bought or homemade).

Broadview subscriptions are due, price \$30.

Community Events

Dartmouth Players: "The Importance of being Earnest". Dartmouth Players are rehearsing now for their next production in our hall. Opening night is Friday, June 14, with performances every weekend in June: evenings at 8:00, matinees at 2:00.

Reminder: **Kin Community Brunch Sunday June 23** 9:30-12:30. Bring your friends and family for an outstanding brunch at a reasonable price. Access to the gym will be via the side entrances off Caledonia Rd. Brunch will be on break for July and August returning on September 22. The Kin Club of Dartmouth will have donated over \$30,000 to local community groups this year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, please email st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com



If you would like to contribute to our ministry, there are **offering plates** at the back, or you can e-transfer to stjamesfinancials181@gmail.com. This QR code will take you directly to our Canada Helps page. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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Food Bank: Tuesday 8:30-11 (June 25, July 9, 23, Aug 6, 20)

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