

St. James United Church

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



June 9, 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

Our God of judgement and mercy,
You seek us out in love.

We are one people, united by Your grace,
May we stand with Christ against the powers of evil.
Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

▲ Hymn – Come In, Come In and Sit Down #395

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

An Ancient Word
Mark 3:20-35

Reflection – Family Values

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #593

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Prayer of Dedication

*In the name and spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts, our
treasury and our talents, 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

▲ Hymn – Would You Bless Our Homes and Families #556

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Diff'rence x 3

**Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world
Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence 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 9 - June 15, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11 am
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am

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.

A message from Yard Sale organizers Joan and Jackie:
Thank you to every single one of you! The volunteers did the organization that they do so well, and were flexible when needed. The Scouts were a wonderful help when it came to clean-up - they even swept the floor! The gym was clear by 1:00, a new record! Thank you to all who donated items and/or found a bargain. We had a lot of fun, and also made about \$1600.

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.

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!**

DIRECTORY

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

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