

# St. James United Church

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



August 11, 2024 @ 10:00 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 Celebration Song– God Is Here # 389

**God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

Call to Worship

We gather here today, seeking purpose and belonging,  
guided by the one who calls us by name.

**We come with open hearts,  
eager to discover our place,  
ready to embrace the calling that is uniquely ours.**

In a world that often feels fragmented and uncertain,  
we long for connection and a sense of home.  
**Here in this sacred space, we find our true community,  
where love binds us together  
and purpose gives us strength.**

Each of us is a part of God's magnificent tapestry,  
woven with threads of love, purpose, and grace.  
**We celebrate our differences  
and cherish our shared bonds,  
united in the journey to fulfill our common purpose.**

As we gather in this place, let us open our hearts,  
embracing the purpose that God has set before us.  
**Together, we affirm our belonging and our call,  
rejoicing in the journey that we share as one.**

Come, let us worship with joy and gratitude,  
**for in this gathering,  
we find our purpose and our home,  
inviting us into a life of purpose, truth, and belonging.**

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

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy one, we gather today in your presence,  
grateful for the gift of community  
and the sense of belonging we find here.  
Help us to embrace the unique purpose you have given  
each of us and to live with intention and love.  
Guide our steps and open our hearts,  
so we may support one another  
and reflect your grace in our lives.  
Unite us in your love and help us to find joy and  
fulfillment in our shared journey.**

*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 - Various

Reflection – Trickery and Truth

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ Spirit, Open My Heart

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that’s kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.  
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.  
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.  
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

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

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Difference 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, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer  
– Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Welcome!

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the  
sanctuary following the service. Try some Lassy Mogs!  
A traditional Newfoundland cookie.

Grace United invites all to join "Walk with Grace" Sunday  
evenings, a walk around Lake Banook starting at 7pm  
when the weather permits. Meet at the parking area at  
the end of Nowlan Street. We will stop for ice cream  
at the Kiwanis ice cream stand!

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution  
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**Food Bank: Tuesday Aug 20, 8:30-11am**

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