

St. James United Church

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



Open Streets Dartmouth - 2019

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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

We Sing – 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 in the name of the one who welcomes us all, without hesitation or reservation.

We come, no matter where we have been, no matter who we are. We are welcome here.

As strangers once ourselves, we are called to extend that same radical welcome to others.

We open our hearts and our doors, embracing those who seek refuge, comfort, and belonging.

Let us remember that in welcoming the stranger, we welcome Christ Himself.

May our worship today be a reflection of God's boundless love, as we offer hospitality, compassion, and grace to all. Come, let us worship the God of abundant welcome.

▲ We Sing – As A Fire is Meant for Burning # 578

Opening Prayer (Together)

Loving God,

you who created all people in your image, we gather with hearts open to your presence. We thank you for the grace that welcomes us, no matter who we are or where we come from.

Give us the courage to extend a warm welcome to those who seek shelter, friendship, and community. May our words and actions reflect your boundless compassion and mercy.

Guide us to be instruments of your peace, breaking down barriers of fear and prejudice.

Teach us to embrace diversity as a gift, and to celebrate the richness it brings to our lives.

As we worship together, may we be reminded of our shared humanity and our calling to love one another as you have loved us.

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

Scripture – Deuteronomy 10:17-19 & John 13:34-35

Reflection –

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – 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.

▲ We Profess – 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

▲ We Sing – Loving God's World – Tune Deep in Our Hearts

Loving God's world, this is our sacred calling.
Loving God's world, this is our sacred song.
Loving God's world, even anxious and worried.
Jesus is with us and keeps us strong.

Loving God's world, neighbours around the wide earth.
Loving God's world, neighbours across the lane.
Loving God's world, strangers and siblings all one.
Jesus is with us each step of the way.

Loving God's world, praying for those close to us.
Loving God's world, praying for those far away.
Loving God's world, connected through calm and chaos.
Jesus is with us and lights our way.

Loving God's world, this is our sacred calling.
Loving God's world, this is our sacred song.
Loving God's world, it's the only way forward.
Jesus is with us and we belong.

▲ 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, Loving God's World
– Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

Welcome!

Please stay for some refreshments
at the back of the sanctuary.

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