

St. James United Church

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



Maud Lewis House
August 4, 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

Welcome to this sacred place of beauty!
**With each step taken in faith,
with each obstacle overcome
we bear witness to the divine spark
guiding us towards our highest purpose.**

Let us be reminded that true beauty is found,
not only in fleeting moments of triumph,
but in the steadfast resolve to rise again and again.
**Let us cherish the journey,
for it is through persistence
that our souls are refined and our spirits uplifted.**

May our worship today be a testament to the enduring
power of the human spirit,
**and may we draw strength from one another,
fueled by the beauty in persistence.**

▲ Hymn – Teach Me God, To Wonder # 299

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Gracious and loving God, you have surrounded us with
a world of beauty, even in the bleakest places, your
love shimmers in and among us. In the tapestry of our
lives, we witness the threads of resilience woven
intricately amidst the challenges we face.
We lift our voices in praise for the unwavering spirit
that propels us forward, despite the storms that may
assail us. May we persist, despite setbacks and
challenges, for we know that you are with us always.**

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
Isaiah 40: 28-31
2 Corinthians 4: 7-12

Reflection – The Beauty in Persistence

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

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

▲Hymn – Give Thanks for Life # 706

▲Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Difference

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 Illustration, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer
– Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

Welcome!

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

We welcome members of Grace United joining us today.

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.
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THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Week at St James – Aug 4–Aug 10, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11:00 am
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am
Tuesday	Movie Night	St James	6:30 pm

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Food Bank: Tuesday 8:30-11, Aug 6, 20

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