

▲ 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 – O God, Send Out Your Spirit x 3

**O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.  
O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.**

Call to Worship

We invite our fauna family to worship with us,  
**All our kin living on this planet,  
from the busiest bee to the tallest giraffe.**

We remember our ancient relatives who became extinct,  
**Dinosaurs, dodos and Tasmanian tigers,  
giant marsupials and the woolly mammoths.**

We join our brothers and sisters in praising God,  
**Gliding eagles and watchful meerkats,  
Gorillas in the mist and polar bears in the snow.**

We summon the kin we have come to love,  
**The stray cat and the backyard dog,  
The pony, the little lamb, even the raccoon.  
Let us worship with all creatures!**

▲ We Sing – God of the Sparrow # 229

### Remembering

Take the remembrance candle  
you received at the door  
and hold it quietly in front of you.  
Remember birds and animals you have loved or  
with whom you felt a spiritual kinship.  
Remember too those of our kin who are endangered,  
those who have had their homes destroyed  
and those who have become extinct,  
through human greed and exploitation.  
**We hear creation groaning.  
We hear fellow creatures crying out in pain.  
And we hear members of fauna family weeping.**

### Confession

As you remember,  
you are invited to come forward  
and light a candle  
to remember an extinct species  
in our fauna family.  
You may name the family member silently or aloud  
as you light the candle  
and remember one of our lost ones

*(Music plays while people come forward to light candles and  
place them in the trays on the communion table)*

We share the sorrow of our fauna family.  
**We feel the loss. We share the sorrow.  
We share the memory. And we are sorry!**

### Absolution

Christ, who was deeply grieved in Gethsemane,  
knows our sorrow and shares the suffering of all creatures.  
**Christ, teach us compassion  
for the life that suffers around us.**

Christ affirms our compassion.  
**Let us embrace those in pain  
and care for those in danger, amen.**

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Psalm 104: 1-2, 10-24

Reflection –A Scientist and God Speak

Reflective Music

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – Called by Earth and Sky

*Refrain*

*Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky*

Precious these waters endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream  
Waters of healing, rivers of rain  
The wash of love again. R

Precious this gift the air we breathe,  
wind born and free  
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place  
Our gathering and our grace. R

Precious these mountains ancient sands,  
vast fragile land  
Seeds of our waking rooted and strong  
Creation's faithful song. R

Precious the fire that lights the way,  
bright dawning day  
Fire of passion sorrows undone  
Our faith and justice one. R

▲ We Profess – Affirmation of Faith (Together)

We believe that God creates all things,  
renews all things and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary,  
a sacred planet filled with God’s presence,  
a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe that God became flesh and blood,  
became a piece of Earth,  
a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,  
suffered and died on a cross.

We believe that the risen Jesus  
is the Christ at the core of creation  
reconciling all things to God,  
renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.  
We believe the Spirit renews life in creation  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,  
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People – The Lord’s Prayer

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

▲ We Sing – All Creatures of Our God and King # 217

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – I’m Gonna Live So # 575

I'm gonna live (*work, pray, sing*) so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live (*work, pray, sing*) so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Liturgy adapted from  
<https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies>  
Cover Photo: Rev. Catherine MacDonald

Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may  
be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list,  
please email [st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com](mailto: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!**

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY  
This Week at St James – Sep 22-28, 2024

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Sunday	Laramie Project	Sanctuary	2:00 pm
Tuesday	Book Club	Parlour	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Wellness	Gym	11 am
Wednesday	Transition Team	Parlour	6:30 pm
Thur-Sat	Laramie Project	Sanctuary	7:30 pm

St. James United Church

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



We worship this Sunday  
with the whole fauna family on Earth.  
We celebrate with birds, animals,  
reptiles and all our living relatives.  
We listen to their sounds,  
watch their movements and wonder with them  
as they praise their Creator.  
We give thanks for and with all our kin in creation.

September 22, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

181 Portland Street  
Dartmouth  
B2Y 1J5  
902.464.8852

