

▲Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music/Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Candles

Opening Sung Meditation

**Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We come to worship
because we long for mercy.

**We long for community.
We long for God.**

We come to worship
because we need a good word.

We need connection.

We need moral reminders.

We come to worship
because we are in between:

**hope and grief,
faith and doubt,
joy and longing,
curiosity and conviction.**

So we come to worship
and God meets us here.

Surely, we are not alone.

**Thanks be to God
for meeting us in the middle!**

Amen.

▲We Sing

Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love # 574

Prayer of Confession (Together)

**Merciful God,
When we fail to be righteous,
show us mercy.
When we fail to be merciful,
show us what is right.
Again and again,
bring us closer to you.
Again and again,
show us the way.
Amen.**

Words of Grace

My friends in faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous, **God is merciful.**

When we fail to be merciful, **God invites us to try again.**

Again and again, **God moves closer to us.**

Again and again, **God shows us the way.**

Thanks be to God for this unending love. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Ministry of Music - Take the World but Give me Jesus

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Luke 19: 1-10

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲We Sing – I Am a Child of God MV # 157

Mission and Service Story

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**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 those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry

▲We Sing – Will You Come and Follow Me # 567

▲Commissioning & Blessing

▲We Sing – God Be With You

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Weaving our Prayers

At any time before, during, or after the service, you are invited to come forward and weave a ribbon in and out of the frame.

Bring to God whatever is on your heart and mind.

One ribbon on its own is easily broken, but woven together with others creates a strong fabric of belonging.

Liturgy ~ A Sanctified Art

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Week at St James – Apr 6-Apr 12, 2025

| Day | What | Where | Time |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Sunday | Coffee and Conversation | Sanctuary | 11am |
| Monday | Carillon Choir | Hall | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday | Lent Study | Parlour | 10:30pm |
| Wednesday | Workshop W | Parlour | 1:30pm |

Maundy Thursday - Potluck Lunch and Service: Rev.

Catherine is wondering if there is interest in having a Maundy Thursday potluck lunch and service on April 17th @ noon. She will design the menu and tell you what to bring. Sign up by April 10th on the Circle of Service on the bulletin board at the back. We need at least 12 people!

There will be a **Congregational gathering on Sunday, April 13**, after the service, to discuss property matters.

Lent Study—How We Learn to Be Brave.

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am - St. James UC
Thursdays @ 2 pm - Grace UC

Hospitality —Circle of Service

Would you be interested in helping with Sunday morning Coffee Time? What about volunteering to operate the elevator before and after church or perhaps you would consider greeting people arriving at church? Training available! If any of these areas of service interest you, please contact Melanie 902-469-5220.

This year the **Good Friday Service** is at Grace United, April 18 at 10 am.

Save the Date! Yard Sale May 3!

St. James is looking for an individual to fill in for Doris, our current janitor, who, for health reasons, is unable to work for at least the next 3 to 6 months. This is a temporary position working 15 hours per week - the hours are flexible around the individual's schedule and use of the church facilities. If you know of anyone please speak with them and if they are interested have them contact Joyce: hiringstjames@gmail.com

Summary of Leadership Team meeting on March 19, 2025.

So far, Grace United and Stairs Memorial are interested in participating in a Community BBQ in celebration of 100 yrs of the UCC.

Motions:

Motion to approve the Janitorial Job Description
Motion to pay the temporary cleaner at the same rate as our janitor.
Motion to approve the \$500 top up payment for the Facilitator for the Downtown Dartmouth UC Initiative.

An update was provided by the Property Committee. A meeting is scheduled on April 13th after service to update the congregation.

Kathy Ibel, Secretary

Note, our services are livestreamed and photos may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video.

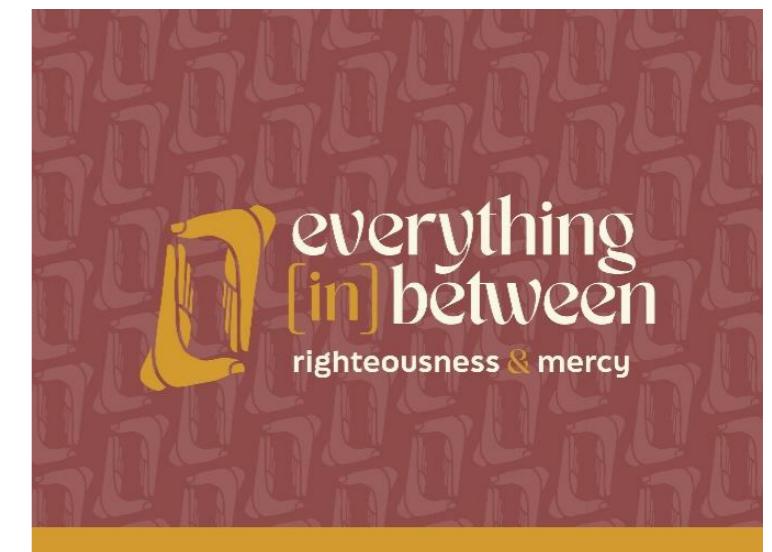
If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, please email st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com



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St. James United Church

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



April 6, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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