

(▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Spirit, Open My Heart MV # 79

**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, world and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

Spirit, open my heart.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Grace and peace be with you,
beloved children of God.

And also with you.

We gather today in prayer and thanksgiving
for National Indigenous Day.

**Creator, be with us
as we journey forward in a good way.**

We share scripture and stories
that warm and challenge our heart.

Creator, be with us as we listen in a good way.

We sing with lightness and praise.

Creator, be with us as we respond in a good way.

▲ We Sing – Love Our Neighbour (Tune # 460)

Opening Prayer (Together)

*(Adapted from the text of the United Church's
1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples)*

**Mystery that surrounds us,
Untwist us, bring us clarity today,
Help us to recognize the image of Creation in us all.
Help us to understand the depth
and richness of many cultures.
Soften our hearts so that we never again
confuse our ways for the full breadth,
length, and height of Christ Jesus.
Journey together with us
in the Spirit of Christ
so that all your peoples may be blessed
and the fullness of creation healed.**

Silent Prayer...

We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we pray 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 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**

Ministry of Music – Prayer

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Matthew 13:1–9 & Matthew 5:14–16,

Reflection – Light and Life

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Who Are the People in Our Neighbourhood?
Elder Deb Eisan

▲ We Sing – When I Needed a Neighbour # 600

▲ We Profess – A New Creed Page # 918 (Together)

Disbanding the Hall Options Committee

Statement of Purpose

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Together)

Loving God,
you call us to many kinds of work in your church,
some seen, some unseen.

Today we give thanks
for the faithful work of this committee,
for their care of this place we call holy ground,
for their steady leadership,
and their commitment to our community.

As they lay down this task,
may they know your delight in them.
Bless them with rest, renewal, and joy.
And bless this space they have helped tend,
that it may continue to serve
your love and welcome in the world.
Amen.

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Jesus Christ is Waiting # 117

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ We Sing – Go Make a Diff'rence MV # 209 x 2

Go make a diff'rence
 We can make a diff'rence.
 Go make a diff'rence in the world!
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 We can make a diff'rence.
 Go make a diff'rence in the world!

Call to Worship - Rev. Emma Seamone
 Cover Graphic – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
 Love Our Neighbour – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

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

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY This Week at St James – June 22 - June 29, 2025

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11 am
Sunday	Open Streets Dartmouth	Portland St	12-4 pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11am
Wednesday	Wellness Wednesday	Gym	11am-2pm

Today we welcome **Elder Debbie Eisan**, from the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre.

June 22 is Open Street Dartmouth. Thank you for the cookies to hand out! We need help today with set-up, clean-up and button-making. Portland Street from Alderney Drive to Prince Albert Road will be CAR FREE. Enjoy the live entertainment, music and lots more.

Wellness Wednesdays: Join us at 11 for chair yoga, lunch, a guest speaker and an opportunity to get to know one another.

Rev. Catherine will be on summer break starting Thursday. We are open in July for the **summer combined services** with Grace United. Rev. Judith Perry will lead worship June 29 and July 6, and Rev. Renee Clark will lead on July 13, 20 and 27.

In The Community

Dartmouth Kin Club Brunch is **cancelled** on June 22. Once again, they are donating brunch perishables to our food bank.

Church in the Afternoon: Bedford United Church offers a short worship service one afternoon a month. Join them this summer on Thursdays June 19, July 17 and August 21, at 1:40 pm beginning with an organ prelude before a 30-minute service, followed by social time in their porch.

Lake City Orchestra & Out Loud Choir - Spring Concert
 Thursday 26 June, St James United, 7 pm.



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!

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

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Food Bank: June 10, 24; July 8, 22

St. James United Church

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 Strengthened by Friendship
 Building a Community
 of Love and Justice



Indigenous Day of Prayer
 June 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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