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

Spirit, open my heart.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Good and merciful God, you call us
to gather along the road we know as community,

**With our neighbours all around,
speak to us in these complicated times.**

We are people of the covenant,
called to care for one another without exception.

**Within and beyond our walls,
our neighbours are struggling.**

**Within and beyond these walls,
we may be the one who is struggling.**

Just as Jesus lived a commitment of coming near,
abide in, with and through us.

Send us. Encourage us to come near in your name.

**We are ready to open our hearts
to receive new strength
and to open our lives to new understanding.
Gather us near.**

▲ We Sing – Come O Fount of Every Blessing # 559

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Creator God, you are with us,
your people in this world.
May your love inspire us and your
blessing unite us;
that we may bring this day to you
in confidence and in joy as we share
your light, freedom, hope and forgiveness.**

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**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Luke 10:25-37

Reflection – On the Right Path

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – O Master Let Me Walk with Thee # 560

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

Mission and Service Story

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

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

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

*Call to worship adapted from
a prayer by Rev. Dr. Robyn Provis.*

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



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

Welcome!

The **Rev. Renee Clark** will lead us in Worship today, and on July 20 and 27.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

We welcome members of **Grace United** joining us this month for the summer combined services. Join them on Sundays for a walk around Lake Banook with a stop at Kiwanis Kones. Meet at 7pm at the parking area at the end of Nowlan St. by the bridge over the lock. The event is weather permitting and everyone is welcome!

Summer Worship Schedule:

**June 29-July 27 at St James, 10 am, joined by Grace.
Aug 3-31 at Grace United, 10am.**

In The Community

The United Churches in HRM are marching together in the **Pride Parade on July 19**. We will gather at St. Andrew's United at 10am for refreshment and go together to the start of the parade route. (Bring a water bottle as it is usually quite warm.)

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

Sullivan's Pond Concerts, 2:00 pm:
This Sunday, 13th July - Morgan Davis
Next Sunday, 20th July - Stick & Slide

Downtown Dartmouth Community Shredding Event.
July 14th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. The shredding truck will be in the Alderney Landing parking lot.

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In case of a pastoral care emergency, please call the office at 902-464-8852.

Food Bank: July 8, 22; August 5, 19



St. James United Church

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



July 13, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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