

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

Spirit, open my heart.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The spirit of God calls us from many places;
**some of us come from busy homes with many
people some of us live alone.**

We are a part of the family.

This week has been different for each of us;
**some of us have had happy news we want
to celebrate some of us have faced grief and need
to cry. We are members of God's family.**

Yet we all come to this same place;
**all of us seeking God's presence in our lives
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.**
Together we become God's family.

▲ We Sing – God of Life # 528

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house
to add our human voices to the chorus of praise
raised by all your creation!**

**We come as we are – distracted and weary,
hopeful and open – knowing that you accept us
and are ever mindful of our cares and joys.**

**Still in us now the many voices
that clamor for attention,
that we might center ourselves upon you.
Speak to us in word and melody and quiet,
and hear the prayers of our hearts this day.**

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 11:1-13

Reflection – Shadow and Substance

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – Seek Ye First # 356

▲ 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 – We Shall Go Out with
Hope of Resurrection # 586

▲ 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 Katherine Hawker,
Liturgy Outside the Box*

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

Welcome!

Thank you to **Rev. Renee Clark** for leading us in Worship this July. In August we join **Grace United** for their summer services. We will see you all back at St. James on Sept 7.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

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

Sullivan's Pond Concerts, Sundays at 2:00 pm:

July 27th: Roxy and the Underground Soul Sound,
August 2nd: The Rock A Barons
August 10th: Blessing Tangban
August 17th: Good Dear Good
August 24th: Brooklyn Blackmore and Friends.
September 1st: Rankin MacInnis

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Food Bank: August 5, 19; September 2, 16



St. James United Church

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Building a Community
of Love and Justice



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