

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

The Story So Far...

▲ We Sing – Jesus Christ is Risen Today # 155

Welcome/Introductions/Theme Conversation

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship (Responsive)

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday, we thought the good news
had taken its last breath.**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

Opening Prayer of Confession (Together)

**Holy One, all over the world,
people are gathering
to hear the same story.**

**All over the world,
people are gathering
to hear how death lost its sting.**

**All over the world,
people are gathering together,
praying for a glimpse of you.**

**So like our neighbors all over the world,
we pray, be here.
Speak to us today.**

**Soften the calloused parts of our hearts
until we can sense your Holy Spirit
in our midst once more.**

**With eagerness and hope,
we run to the tomb.**

We sing alleluia.

We bow our heads.

We listen for you. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

Ministry of Music – Hallelujah – Graham Doyle

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Matthew 28:1-10

Reflection – The Same Angel Song: Do Not Be Afraid

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music – A Resurrection Acclamation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Passing of the Peace

▲ We Sing – In the Bulb # 703

Risen Christ, good-news God,

and ever-present Spirit,

today is a day we've been waiting for.

We've been waiting for the holy mystery of this morning.

We've been waiting for the good news of an empty grave.

We've been waiting for the sound of alleluias.

Today is a day we've been waiting for,
and now that we're here, all we can say is thank you.

Thank you for showing the world what could be.

Thank you for loving us with abandon.

Thank you for facing death and returning with mercy.

Thank you for the empty tomb.

Thank you for morning birdsong.

**And thank you for meeting us here,
as you always do.**

Today we celebrate the good news
that you are alive in the world.

The grave couldn't hold you.

Death couldn't keep you.

The empire couldn't confine you.

Instead, you are here and everywhere.

You are risen. You are on the move in the world.

Your love meets us at this Table and calls us out into the
world. And that is good, good news.

**So on this Easter Sunday,
this holiest of days,**

we ask for your help noticing you in our midst.

When our feet walk beside wildflowers,
may we think of you.

When the stars light up the sky, may we see you.

When we break bread with our neighbors, may we feel you.

**When a stranger acts with kindness and love,
may we recognize you.**

Telling the Story

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Over the Bread and Cup

Communion will be served in the pews,

please wait till everyone is served

before eating and drinking.

Our bread is gluten free.

As we share in the gifts of bread and wine,

We will sing Eat This Bread # 466

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer following Communion (Together)

Loving Christ,
thank you for the bread
that nourishes our bodies.
Thank you for the cup
that quenches our thirst.
Thank you for this community,
which reminds us who we are.

Thank you for this Table
that brings us together.
Thank you for the music
that lifts our spirits.
Thank you for the promise
that at this Table,
and every table, you will be there.

May this holy meal nourish us
to go out into the world
speaking of your good, good news.
With joy and hope we pray, amen.

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Now the Green Blade Rises # 186

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – Onward Easter People # 121

Onward Easter people,
risen with our Lord.
Loving, caring, sharing,
spread his living Word.
Death no longer holds him,
we can plainly see.
Christ is resurrected,
we have been set free.
Onward Easter people,
risen with our Lord.
Loving, caring, sharing,
spread his living Word.

Onward Easter People – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
Liturgy – A Sanctified Art

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Apr 05 - Apr 11, 2026**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm

Save the Date! Yard Sale Saturday April 18.
Let Joan: joan.clark@hotmail.com or
Jackie: we-eble@hotmail.com know as soon as possible
if you can help.

**Stairs United Church Speaker Event, Saturday, 11
Apr, 1-2:30 pm - Learning to Speak About Our Faith
in a Post-Christian World.** Rev Dr Rob Fennell, Atlantic
School of Theology, will lead a discussion to explore the
questions, difficulties and promise of claiming and
handing on our faith in this challenging era.

**Note: The emergency exit from the sanctuary (next
to the piano, front left) is not in use. For evacuation,
please use the main front doors or the staircase on
the right.**



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be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.*

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