

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions

Theme Conversation

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

▲ We Sing – Sing Hallelujah!

Refrain

**Hey now, Singing Hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now, Singing Hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.**

**Jesus loved people
and he made them friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children
and the women and the men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. *Refrain***

▲ Call to Worship (Responsive)

We come as people who have searched.
For meaning, for belonging, for hope.

We come as people who have been found.
Gathered in love, held in grace.

God seeks the lost and celebrates their return.
Joy rises when what was missing is restored.

Let us worship the One who never stops seeking.
Let us rejoice in the God who finds us.

▲ We Sing – God, We Praise You for the Morning # 415

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Loving God,
you are the one who searches
with patience and love,
who does not abandon what is lost,
who rejoices when what is scattered
is gathered again.**

**As we worship today,
open our hearts to your presence.
Help us to see where
you are seeking in our lives.
Help us to trust that
we are never beyond your reach.
And when we are found,
fill us with joy that spills over into the world.**

**Gather us in, O God,
and make us a people
who seek, who find, and who celebrate.**

(Silent prayer)

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we sing 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 them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Luke 15: 1-10

Reflection – The Joy in Being Found

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – Draw the Circle Wide MV # 145

▲ A New Creed – Page 918

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Go To the World # 420

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – You Shall Go Out with Joy # 884

**You shall go out with joy.
And be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills.
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy.
And all the trees of the field.
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field.
Will clap their hands.
The trees of the field, will clap their hands.
The trees of the field, will clap their hands.
While you go out with joy!**

Liturgy – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

This Week at St James – May 10 - May 16, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am
Wednesday	Craft Group	Parlour	1:30 pm

Worship Meeting Today after the service.

Save the Date! Spring Tea at St. James Church Hall: to celebrate spring and say au revoir to our hall. DON'T WAIT!! This will be a very popular event. Proceeds will be split between Feed Others of Dartmouth and the church decorating fund, which will be used to create a history wall in the new space. **Saturday May 30th, 1-3 pm; Tickets \$25 per person** and MUST be prebooked, NO tickets will be sold at the door. -Bring a friend or three to celebrate with you, and you will each take home a beautiful teacup and saucer to commemorate the occasion. You may book a table, up to a week in advance. There will be a door prize draw for a beautiful spring basket. Contact Jackie Clark (we-eble@hotmail.com) or Joan Clark (joan.clark@hotmail.com) if you want to volunteer in any way or wish to book tickets.

In the Community

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Fabric & Yarn Sale: Sunday May 24, 11 am - 3 pm, Alderney landing.

Grace United Perennial Plant Sale: Saturday May 30, 8 am -1 pm.

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.

Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.



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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Food Bank (May 12, 26)

Upcoming Dates!

May 10	Joy in Finding Treasure Worship Committee Meeting
May 17	Joy in Inclusive Welcome & Communion
May 24	Pentecost Congregational Meeting to approve Profile & Search Committee Struck
May 31	Catherine on Vacation (Jackie Clark leading worship)
June 7	Catherine on Vacation Joint UCC Service at Cole Harbour Woodside
June 14	Congregational Meeting to approve Profile & Search Committee Struck (if it didn't take place on May 24)
June 21	Catherine's Last Sunday Release from Covenant Bells Lunch (Proceeds to Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre)

St. James United Church

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Strengthened by Friendship
Building a Community
of
Love and Justice



The Joy in the Lost Being Found!

May 10, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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