

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions

Theme Conversation

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

▲ We Sing – Singing 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)

Generous and loving God,
who provides water in the desert,
wine at a wedding,
fish when there are no bites,
bread when we are hungry,
and answers when we are confused,
be with us this morning, as you are always.

Blow through us, that we might sense your presence.
Wrestle with us, that we might discern your path.
**Love us that we might become who you call us to be.
Amen.**

▲ We Sing – Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet
VU # 245

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Loving God,
Sometimes it feels like we can't make a difference
in a broken world.
But we trust in God and
are called to be the church
Let our worship today
reflect the desire of our hearts
for justice, kindness and humility.**

**Let us engage as bold disciplines
Free to set our hearts to a deep spirituality.**

**Gather us in, and let us sing your praises
with confidence and faith in You
and in each other.
Amen**

Ministry of Music - Thy Will Be Done
Words and Music J.E. Eilers
(Soloist Graham Doyle)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Matthew 5: 2-12

Reflection – Who Am I?

Music for Reflection

Ministry of Music: Seek Ye First (K. Lafferty)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – Part of Everything (L. Good)

▲ 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 - Blessed Assurance # 337

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – You Shall Go Out with Joy
VU # 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 – Jackie Clark

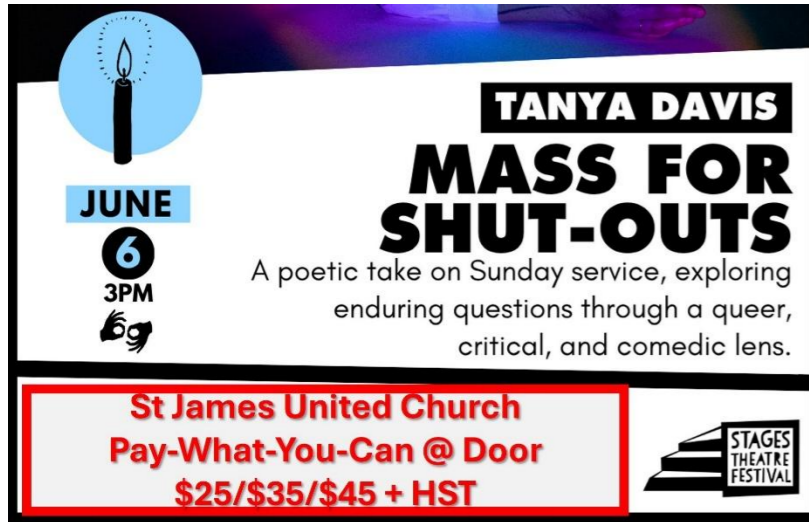
**The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community
This Week at St James – May 31 - June 6, 2026**

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

The Congregational Meeting is now scheduled for June 14, after the service.

Catherine is on vacation from May 25th - June 7th.
The Rev. Stephen Fram will cover emergency pastoral care. Thank you to Jackie Clark for leading today's service. Next Sunday we will participate in a Joint UCC Service at Cole Harbour Woodside on June 7 (our United Church anniversary). **We need a volunteer to bring our contribution of a few dozen cookies to the June 7 service.**


In the Community



TANYA DAVIS
MASS FOR SHUT-OUTS
A poetic take on Sunday service, exploring enduring questions through a queer, critical, and comedic lens.

JUNE 6 3PM

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



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Food Bank (June 9, 23)

Upcoming Dates!

June 7	Joint UCC Service at Cole Harbour Woodside
June 14	Congregational Meeting to approve Profile & Search Committee Struck
June 21	Catherine's Last Sunday Release from Covenant Bells Lunch (Proceeds to Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre)

St. James United Church

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



May 31, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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