

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Theme Conversation

Carillon Choir – You Raise Me Up

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Sacred Stories (Tune # 374)

**Sacred stories, shared with others,
form a faith that's strong and true
Sacred places, etched with meaning,
bringing hope and joy anew.
Sacred memories, sacred future,
sacred present, here and now.
Sacred knowing, sacred being,
Sacred living be our vow.**

▲ Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather as people shaped by story,
stories whispered in kitchens,
spoken in hospital rooms, sung in sanctuaries.

**We come carrying memories
of laughter and loss,
faith and questions.**

We remember the stories of this community,
of courage and change, of endings and beginnings.

**We honour the sacred threads
that bind us together.**

God meets us in every chapter,
in the stories we have told and the ones still unfolding.

We are not alone.

Our story continues in God's love.

Come, let us worship the One
who is present in every telling,
who gathers our stories into grace.

Let us worship God.

▲ We Sing – You Call Us Out # 569

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy one, we come before you today
with grateful hearts,
carrying the stories that have shaped us
in this time of transition.**

**Stories of uncertainty and discovery,
of letting go and holding on,
of learning who we are
and who we are becoming.**

**We give thanks for the sacred stories
shared in this place,
for the voices that have spoken truth,
for the courage that has led us forward,
and for the love that has held us together.**

**As this chapter comes to a close,
we trust that you are already at work in the next one.
Help us to honour what has been,
to release what we must,
and to step with hope into what is yet to be.**

(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 John 21: 24-25

Sacred Stories

Joyce Wylie
Ian Travers
Debra Keays-White

Reflection – Where Do You Locate Yourself in the Story?

Reflective Music

Carillon Choir – Hallelujah

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Release from Covenantal Promises – Please See Insert

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – We Shall Go Out # 586

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – Sacred Stories (Tune # 374)

**Sacred stories, shared with strangers
Sacred stories, shared with friends.
Sacred stories, bind us closely
Shaped by ties that will not end.
Sacred waters of baptism
Sacred bread and sacred wine
Sacred humans, sacred living
With God's purpose we still shine.**

*Liturgy – Rev. Catherine MacDonald
Sacred Stories – Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

**The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community
This Week at St James – June 21 - June 24, 2026**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Lunch	Gym	11:00 am
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am

Join us for lunch after the service. Proceeds will go to the Mi'Kmaq Native Friendship Centre, as today is the Indigenous Day of Prayer.

June 28 is Open Street Dartmouth. We are taking part from 12-4 and we need cookies! If you can bring some cookies to give away then, that would be great! We need help with set-up, clean-up and button-making during the day. Portland Street from Alderney Drive to Prince Albert Road will be CAR FREE. It's always a fun day. Contact Kathy Ibel if you can help, ibels@eastlink.ca.

For this **summer's combined services**, we will worship with Grace United on June 28 and all of July. The office will be closed during this time. The Rev. Stephen Fram will provide emergency pastoral care.

Judith Perry will lead worship during August when we are back at St. James, welcoming our friends from Grace United. Judith will provide emergency pastoral care. We plan to have a full-time supply minister in the fall, for a period of six months.

Upcoming Dates

June 28	Open Streets Dartmouth
June 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26	Summer combined services, with Grace United in July
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	The Rev. Judith Perry will lead worship in August, Grace United joining us at St. James

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 (June 23; July 7, 21; Aug 4, 18)
The food bank operates as usual during the summer.

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St. James United Church

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Strengthened by Friendship
Building a Community
of
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Sacred Stories

June 21, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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