

Opening Prayer (Together)

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles
(Christ Candle, for Inclusion, for Peace)

▲ We Sing – Come In, Come In and Sit Down # 395 v 1

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God embraces the foreigner and outcast,
God's arms reach out to all people.

We are disciples of Christ, so we love the world and pray
that God's name may be known throughout the earth.
Let us worship the God of all people.

▲ Hymn – All People That on Earth Do Dwell # 822

*Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,
You restore what is lost,
heal what is wounded,
and gather in those who have been rejected.
Give us the faith
to speak as steadfastly as did the Canaanite woman,
that the outcast may be welcomed
and all people may be blessed. Amen.*

(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 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

Ancient Words – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Matthew 15:21-28

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – In Christ There Is No East or West # 606

▲ A New Creed – Page 918

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication (Together)

**Generous God, in light of Your extravagant
blessings – no matter what the state of the world or
our imperfect lives – we offer our gifts and ourselves
and know that You transform what we plant
into the produce of love. Amen.**

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee # 663

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Go now as creators and preservers of life,
and live together as one.
Always be prepared to hear the Word of God anew,
even challenging you from unexpected sources.
And may God bless you with life forever;
May Christ Jesus heal you of all that would harm you;
And may the Holy Spirit cleanse your hearts
of all that would defile you.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

▲ Song of Dismissal – May the God of Hope Go with Us
424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Week at St James – Aug 16 - Aug 22, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Refreshments and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am

We are happy to welcome the Rev. Judith Perry, leading us in worship all the Sundays in August.

We also welcome members of Grace United joining us this month for the summer combined services.

Joan Clark leads us today in music ministry while Dean is away.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Fans! There are paper fans in a basket at the entryway. Please use them during the service then return them to the basket for next week!

Walk with Grace, Sunday evenings in August, weather permitting. A walk around Lake Banook with old friends and new, with a stop at Kiwanis Kones at the end! Meet in the parking area at the end of Nowlan St., near the lock, 7 pm.

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

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.



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. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

Directory

Music Director: Dean Bradshaw
beforethursday@hotmail.com
Office (464-8852): Cathy McLeod
st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com
Facebook (Live 10am Sunday) [St-James-United-Church](https://www.facebook.com/St-James-United-Church)
Website: stjamesdartmouth.ca

Food Bank (Aug 4, 18; Sept 1, 15, 29)

St. James United Church

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



Aug 16, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

181 Portland Street
Dartmouth
B2Y 1J5
902-464-8852

