

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 – Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
18 MV

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

Call to Worship (Responsive)

As you gather here,
let your love be free of insincerity,
shun evil, cling to God's goodness.

**We give thanks to our Maker,
we call upon our Redeemer's Name!**

As Christ's family,
show affection to one another,
give each other a boost up.
**We are truly God's children,
the heirs of promise, chosen to serve.**

Celebrate the hope that is in you,
be patient in the midst of troubles,
ground each day in prayer and praise.
**We will sing, we will sing hymns of joy,
we will sing of all God's wonderful works
and rejoice with all who love the Lord.**

▲ Hymn – Seek Ye First # 356

**Most loving God, as the new life of springtime
prepares to awake around us, by your Holy Spirit
awaken us to brighter hopes and livelier faith. While
bird and beast and flower praise you by fulfilling
what they are created to do, help us to lift up our
hearts with the wonder and praise for which we were
made. Stir the music in our hearts, so that songs
may be on our lips. Arouse the neglected melody in
our souls until our prayers and creeds turn a glad
commitment. Through Christ Jesus,
the joy of loving hearts. *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 those 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: Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – Spirit, Open My Heart # 79 MV

▲ A New Creed – Page 918

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication (Together)

**What we have we offer to God:
our hearts, our actions and our treasure,
that they may be used to God's glory.**

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – Go, Make a Difference # 209 MV

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Not one of us knows what might happen to us
during this new week. But we do know that
nothing will happen that God cannot weave into His
loving purposes for us and for those whom we love.

Take your leave with a peaceful heart,
a positive frame of mind,
and a rejuvenated spirit.

The peace of God, which outstrips all human
understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the loving
of God, and in the reconciling ways of the true Son,
Christ Jesus, and in the happy outreaching of
the Holy Spirit now and forevermore. Amen.

▲ 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 30 - Sep 05, 2026

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

Thank you to the Rev. Judith Perry for her leadership this month, we are always glad to see her and hear her message. Members of Grace United will return to their regular services next Sunday, as we look forward to our next chapter.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

We have news that Shirley Paquette, one of our longtime members, is in palliative care at the Dartmouth General, 5th floor; she is receiving visitors. Many of you will remember her beautiful voice from her many years in the St. James choir.

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.

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!

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.



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Food Bank (Sept 1, 15, 29)

St. James United Church

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