

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

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

**We light these candles as symbols
of God's presence,
which cannot be held back by distance,
which shine in each one of us,
no matter where we are.
They draw us together and light our path. Amen.**

▲ We Sing – Worship the Lord # 401 (vs. 1-3)

**Worship the Lord!
Praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands in devotion to God who is one!**

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one. **R**

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our gifts and skills daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one. **R**

Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one. **R**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

For the beauty and wonder of creation
we thank you God.
For our daily food, for our homes, families, and friends
we thank you God.
For minds to think and hearts to love

we thank you God.

For health, strength, and skill to work
and for leisure to rest and play

we thank you God.

For those who are brave and courageous

we thank you God.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth

we thank you God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ
we thank you God.

▲ Hymn – I Am a Child of God # 157 MV

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Thank you for this day:
for life and one more day to love,**

**for opportunity
and one more day to work for justice and peace,**

**for neighbors
and one more person to love
and by whom be loved,**

**for your grace
and one more experience of your presence,**

**for your promise:
to be with us, to be our God,**

(Silent prayer)

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
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

Theme Conversation: House Rules

Ancient Words: Exodus 20:1-17

Reflection: The Same Old Story IV?

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness # 260

Our Covenant: A Song of Faith (Responsive)

We sing of God's good news lived out,
a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God,
corrected and comforted,
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,
creation's mending.

Divine creation does not cease
**until all things have found wholeness,
union, and integration
with the common ground of all being.**
As children of the Timeless One,
**our time-bound lives will find completion
in the all-embracing Creator.**

In the meantime, we embrace the present,
embodying hope, loving our enemies,
caring for the earth, choosing life.
**Grateful for God's loving action,
we cannot keep from singing.**

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication (Together)

**We give in grateful thanksgiving
for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation.**

Praying Together

▲ Hymn – I Have Called You by Your Name # 161 MV

THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

Commissioning and Benediction

▲ Hymn – We Will Go with God # 223 MV (sing twice)

**We will go with God! Ho, ho, ho!
We will go with God! Ho, ho, ho!
We will go with God.
On this day of great joy
We will go with God.
On this day of great joy
We will go with God.**

**THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Oct 11 - Oct 17, 2026**

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Hall	11 am
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am
Wednesday	Workshop	Parlour	1:30 pm
Friday	Choir	Sanctuary	9:30 am

Thank you to **Susan Reid**, we appreciate her leadership over the past month.

Thank you to those who have participated in our **Thanksgiving Table** in support of our Food Bank.

Next Sunday will be a **Communion Service**, led by the Rev. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis.

SAVE THE DATE - Fall Yard Sale will be Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:00-noon

On **October 25th** we will have a **Musical Service**, featuring the senior and handbell choirs, with the theme “If you want to walk on water you have to get out of the boat!”. There will be hymns, and if you have a hymn for consideration, let us know the reason why!

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. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

Note: For emergency evacuation, please use the main entrance doors or the staircase to the right of the pulpit.

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Food Bank (Oct 13, 27)

St. James United Church

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



Oct 11, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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