

## St. James United Church

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Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

### The Life and Work of St. James United Church

#### Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you, to Jesus be true,  
may God's richest blessings abide unto you.

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ shines in the darkness.  
**May that light fill our hearts and our world.**

#### Introit (MV 18)

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

Like a stream running through the desert,  
**God brings us new life.**  
Like a powerful waterfall dropping into a deep pool,  
**Christ calls and empowers us.**  
Like a cool, clear cup of water,  
**the Spirit refreshes our souls.**

#### Opening Prayer of Confession (together)

Loving God, there are times we are impatient and stubborn.  
We don't want to listen; we don't want to trust. Forgive us,  
God. Yet just below the surface something is waiting to be  
tapped. We have ideas and energy to offer, talent to share,  
and love in abundance. Tap into us, Lord, and release what  
we hold back. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Hymn: VU 222 "Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"

#### Lenten Candles

*(Light four purple candles.)*

Deep wells, deep yearnings. We're thirsty for more than water.

**We take one step at a time. God's faithful presence and provision attend us.**

Let us journey through the shadows toward the light.

*(Extinguish a purple candle)*

#### Sung response (MV 85)

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### Hymn: MV87 "Water Flowing from the Mountains"

#### Responsive Psalm 63 VU 781 (Refrain 2)

#### Monologue: "The Woman at the Well" from John 4:5-42

#### Anthem

#### Sermon:

### Hymn: VU 626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

#### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering Hymn (MV 79)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

#### Prayer of Dedication (together)

With these gifts we offer ourselves as well, O Lord. Use our

hands, our feet and our voices to share your love and healing in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn: VU 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

**Benediction**

**Song for the Journey (VU 117 v. 5)**

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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**Sessions Meeting:** Tues, Mar 10 at 7pm via Zoom.

**St. James Dinner Theatre** presents "The Haunting of Sambro Island", April 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2. As always, this show features a 3 Course Lobster Dinner, an original and entertaining show, and lots of great music!

Auction items at each show.

Tickets go on sale March 8th, \$50.00

Tickets may be purchased using the links or QR code displayed on the Weekly Update and on our website.

**Daylight Saving Time** begins March 8 at 2:00 am, when clocks "spring forward" one hour to 3:00 am. Don't forget to reset your clock to avoid being late to church!

**Memorials**

**In Loving Memory of our cousins  
Jimmie and Brian Gray  
from  
Roxanna and Bob Purcell**

**St. James United Church**

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 am

Worship Leaders:

Sara Scarfe and John Hennigar-Shuh

