

*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey, and carry out your will. x 2*

Announcements

Board of Management Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th, 7pm at the Church.

Parkhill and Beyond UCW Meeting

Wednesday, Apr 24th, 2 pm at the home of Marilyn Pierce, 840 Herring Cove Road.

It's that time again! Time to send in your submissions for the HarbourViews Spring Newsletter! Deadline will be on March 5th. Please send your submissions to: jennjwhite@gmail.com

Tickets for the 2024 Dinner Theatre: Silence of the Lobsters - There are still tickets left for the performance on **Thursday, April 25th!** We will be serving only HAM at this show instead of lobster. Get your tickets now on Eventbrite as they are selling fast! Please use this link to buy: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/2024-st-james-united-church-dinner-theatre-3084099?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=odclsxcollection>

Email dinnertheatresambro@gmail.com if you have any questions or issues.

Lectionary Readings – April 21, 2024

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:1-18

St. James United Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

11:00 am



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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

Gord Dunbar

We light this candle as a symbol of the warmth of self-giving love,
the love that guides us each moment in our living.

Hymn: VU 395 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

Call to Worship

Éric Hébert-Daly

Come to this place with open minds and hearts. **We leave our prejudices at the door and open ourselves to God's spirit.**

This is the place where we look deep within ourselves, **prepared to let the Spirit shape us into the people God calls us to be.**

Come and prepare to be changed. **With every whisper of God, we are transformed.**

Opening Prayer (together)

Richard Bott

God of all love, thank you for calling us into relationship with one another and with you. Thank you for the joys and responsibilities that grow out of who we are. When we get confused, lost frustrated, help us to experience your voice, guiding us to places of life. In the name of the Shepherd, we ask it. Make it so.

Hymn: MV 126 "Are You a Shepherd?"

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-18

Anthem

Reflection: The Good Shepherd

Hymn: VU 747 "The Lord's my Shepherd"

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Response (MV #196) "*We Will Take What You Offer*"

We will take what you offer

We will live by your word;

We will love one another

And be led by you Lord. (Repeat)

Prayer of Dedication (together)

There are many who seek to lead God's flock. Some come looking for power and prestige. Some come seeking stability and employment. And some come only to fleece and devour it fancying themselves wolves among sheep. But even the most well meaning of these fall short of what you ask, God, because all will flee at the first hint of danger.

So we ask for your help, God, as we gift to You our morning offering, that Your Spirit may move among us to call forth good shepherds, people of good conscience who truly care for their community like Christ did. And to aid your flock in discerning who amongst us should lead – casting aside those who'd serve themselves – and embracing those who put the flock first. Like Jesus, best of shepherds, and leader still. Amen.

Hymn: VU 822 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (MV 212)

Sent out in Jesus name, our hands are ready now, to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes. x 2