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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

The light of Christ shines for all to see.

May it burn brightly in our hearts and in our lives.

Introit (MV 62)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing.

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

Call to Worship

Come, this is the place for you.

Is there a place for a dreamer?

Bring your dreams, terrifying and confusing, or inspiring and clear.

There are angels in them.

We'll look for those angels together.

What if we're running away?

Run here for a moment; rest; lay your head on a stone.

Will we recognize it?

It will yield water; you can hide in its clef or build a house on it.

What if we're wondering about the future?

Then this is the very place for you.

We've heard of a place with a stairway going up to the sky...

It joins past and future in one electrifying moment called NOW!

Is it filled with angels and the very presence of God?

Yes! So come; bring your dreams and your questions...

what we're running from and what we're running toward...

the place where heaven and earth meet.

Opening Prayer (together)

O God of Jacob, who rested his head on a stone pillow and saw visions of your angels, be with us today. Give us a vision of your presence in the midst of our busy lives. Give us courage and confidence that you are with us, calling us to be your loving people in the world. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU 232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Solo: Brad Lowes - "Fisherman's Son"

Dedication of Banners

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a

Anthem: St. James Choir - "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place" (from Psalm 84)

Sermon

Hymn: MV 27 "Creator God, You Gave Us Life"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

May the offering we give make a difference in the lives of others,
O God. May it be a reflection of our love for you, and a sign of
hope for the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (MV 215)

Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.

Till we meet again, may God be with you.

Peace, peace, peace.

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Today we welcome Barry Pike and Brad Lowes! Brad will share his musical gifts performing a solo, and we will dedicate Barry's gift of handcrafted banners.

On August 2nd Garth Steeves and Milton Ingalls will lead us in worship. We look forward to seeing our long-time friends who will travel all the way from PEI to be with us!

Sou'wester Days—Sunday, August 9th:

Service of the Sea 10:30 am: in St. James sanctuary.

Blessing of the Fleet 12 noon: meet at government wharf.

Fish Chowder Supper includes Dessert, Roll and Tea/Coffee,
Dine In or Takeout,
Sunday August 9th,
3:00-6:00 PM
Adult: \$20.00 (Cash Only)
Kids 12 and Under Eat Free

Lectionary Readings for July 19

Genesis 28:10-19a Jacob's dream of the ladder.

Psalms 139 God, you have searched me and known me.

Romans 8:12-25 Creation groans with labour pains.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The parable of weeds scattered among good seed.

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July 19, 2026

10:30 am

Summer Worship

