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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning through live stream. We pray that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship.

St. James United Church, Woodstock, N.B.
Order of service for February 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday/Black History Month

Prelude

Welcome and Announcement

Call to Worship

God said, "Let light shine in the darkness!"

Lord, shine your light into our lives.

We see the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The light of Christ is with us day by day.

Let us follow the light of Christ together.

Let us worship God with thanks and praise.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

"CONNECT"

At our last session meeting there was a presentation involving a program called Connect.

This week we would like to share this program.

This is designed to have each of us connect with someone they know or they feel is feeling isolated in this COVID world.

All that is involved is to just phone someone once or twice a week to see how they are doing, anything they need, or just say hello.

If you do call someone, could you let Mary or Rev Adekunle know, so we have an idea of the interest there is out there. Thank you, Keith

Thanks to all who reached out to someone with a call, card or prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Please pre-register for the Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 21st
following our morning worship service.
Please bring a small lunch, if you plan to attend
and we will break before the meeting.**

The Annual Reports are available for you to pick up.

YOUTH WITH A PURPOSE

WEDNESDAY Feb. 17th . 7:00 p.m.

**This week our Youth Group (Ages 12 – 18)
will be held through “Zoom.”**

**Call your friends to join as well, prepare a snack and
enjoy an hour of “Youth With A Purpose.”**

The information will be sent out on Tues. or Wed.

***DURING THIS TIME OF COVID19
LET’S ALL DO OUR PART BY
MAKING A PHONE CALL OR
SENDING A CARD.***

TELEPHONE CONTACT:

**Please note all calls to the church
will be received at 328-6114.**

Prayer of Confession and Approach

Dear Jesus, we confess that many things keep us from trusting fully in your love. We are often distracted by our own desires and disappointments. We fear the future rather than seek signs of hope. Forgive us. Shine your love upon us so that your glory may be seen in us, and give us courage to follow you wherever you lead, for we pray in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

St. John records that God is love and that God’s perfect love casts out fear. Friends, we are promised that those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them. Claim God’s forgiveness in this Good News: **God’s perfect love abides in us through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Celebrations

Please share your celebrations with us as we give thanks together.

Offertory prayers

Dear Jesus, receive our gifts as tokens of our love. Bless them and strengthen the ministries of love we undertake in your name. May our lives shine with hope in these difficult days of wintertime, as we wait for healing and renewal, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures Reading: MARK 9: 2-9

REFLECTION: The Transfiguration of Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Jesus, we give you thanks for all the supportive relationships which bring meaning and encouragement to our lives, and have meant so much in times of isolation. Help us contribute what we can to sustain the wellbeing of our community for all who call it home. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Dear Jesus, there are so many pressures on homes and families today. Draw near to those who are struggling in economic difficulty and those burdened by the challenges to health and happiness this winter. Work with parents and children, married partners, and next-door neighbours who face conflict in their relationships to create solutions that express mutual respect and resolve tension. Help our congregation support families, whatever their size or situation, as well as people living on their own, to know your love. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Dear Jesus, you call us to live together in peace and unity. We pray for our neighbourhoods and our nation. Where people are divided and bitterness turns into resentment, show us how to work for reconciliation. As the pandemic stretches on, we pray for all those whose skill and dedication is needed to support our common life. Wherever we can, may we offer words of encouragement and appreciation so others know how much they matter to you and to us all. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Dear Jesus, we give thanks for our church family and for the years of worship and witness offered here. So much has changed for us over this one year and we pray you will bless our leaders who have to think carefully and creatively so congregational life continues. We remember those of our members in need of your special attention today... God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Dear God, guide us all with your wisdom and insight to find ways to reach out to each other in support and friendship. Open our eyes to opportunities to you for healing and hope for we offer ourselves to you in Jesus Christ name in the words he taught us to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven....**

Closing Hymn:

Closing Prayer

Benediction and Send forth: (Psalm 16: 5-6)

Lord, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; you hold my future. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Postlude

**The bulletin today is dedicated today in loving memory of
Esther Young, Pauline Young, Hazel McGuire, and
Leatha McLellan by Phyllis Robinson.**

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in loving memory of Richard Montgomery by Carole Montgomery and Family.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in honour of Black History month and all families of African descent who have, and continue to gift the neighbourhood and community of Woodstock by Margie Daye-Patterson

MISSION STATEMENT The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavor to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

Jesus Is My Valentine

**Jesus is my Valentine:
I talk to Him each day
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For his love is always perfect.
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends.
for someone that is faithful,
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine:
and your dearest, dearest friend.**

**By Susan Y. Nikltenko
December 2008**