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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 April 11, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude Beautiful Sunrise

Introit He Came Singing Love VU 359

Welcome and Announcement

Call to Worship

We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

Doubts have been erased and uncertainty has turned to faith.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Let us offer our prayers and our praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

Opening Prayer

Dear God, we come to you, rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always, even when we least expect him.

DONATIONS

A donation to the General Fund from Margie Daye Patterson is given in loving memory of parents, Ossie and Lois Daye, married this date in 1938.

A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Leighton Clark by Amy Anderson

A memorial donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Jolene Caverhill by Estelle Wilson, Catharina Lenehan.

A memorial donation has been made to the Child Health Fund in loving memory of Jolene Caverhill by Ron and Linda Ward. Amy Anderson.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Laurine Wright by Doreen Canam.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Connie Knox, mother of Doug Knox and family by Ray and Arlene Derrick, John and Mary Wheelan,

A memorial donation has been made to the Child Health Fund in loving memory of Connie Knox, mother of Doug Knox and family by Doug, Lynda, Jason and Justin Swan,

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Ashley Curtis by Joey and Heather Voutour.

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A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Leighton Clark by Lesley Johnson, Ray and Arlene Derrick, Doug and Lynda Swan, Ray and Barb Kierstead, Eleanor Leonard, Emily Clark, Marion MacFarlane, Joey and Heather Voutour, Doug and Gail Lawrence, Barry and Heather Sharpe and family, Janet and Ken Nichols, Carleton Lodge IOOF#41

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Ed Stone by Barry and Heather Sharpe and family.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Jolene Caverhill by Ray and Barb Kierstead, Eleanor Leonard, Robert and Bonnie Stokes, Lesley Nason, Dr. Sharon Wagener, Rayma and Richard Taylor, Lois Wright and family. Joey and Heather Voutour, Marion MacFarlane, Doug and Gail Lawrence, Barry and Heather Sharpe and family. Janet and Ken Nichols, Dolores Collier, Mark and Dodie Stewart, Lesley Johnson, Woodstock Probation Office, Ray and Arlene Derrick. Kevin and Jeannie MacAulay. Stephen and Donna Schwartz, Rodney and Hazel Stairs.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dorothy Hamilton by Joey and Heather Voutour.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Betty Wilson by Lesley Johnson, Doug and Lynda Swan, Ray and Barb Kierstead, Lesley Nason, Joey and Heather Voutour, Doug and Gail Lawrence, Barry and Heather Sharpe and family.

We marvel at your constant love, your victory over evil and death, and your resurrecting hope which embraces us in every circumstance. Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every place and time. Strengthen us with the gift of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship, and bless us with your peace through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn Rock of Ages

Prayer of Confession and Approach

Merciful God, we confess there are times when our trust in you weakens, and we become anxious about many things, we talk about love, but we are gripped by fear. Forgive us for seeking our own interests before the needs of others. Open our eyes to the many signs of your love for us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, rekindle our passion for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the words of the risen Christ: Peace be with you. Receive the peace and forgiveness of Christ, and rejoice in his gift of new life this day and every day.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Celebrations

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

Offertory prayers

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the hope and joy we find in your resurrecting power. Bless the gifts we bring so they may spread that hope and joy in the world you love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Acts 3: 22-26

REFLECTION: BIBLICAL JOURNEY

Meditation El Shaddai

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Jesus, thank you, for your renewing presence in our lives, and for the many ways you make yourself known to us: in words spoken in peace, in actions that embody love, in creation that awakens wonder within us, and in worship that inspires faith and understanding. With memories of the grace, you have shown us, and with confidence in you will yet show us more, we pray that all people will come to know the life-giving joy we find in Christ.

Dear Jesus, we pray for those who are feeling fearful, worried or overwhelmed, especially as the months of pandemic restrictions stretch on. Lord Jesus,
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Dear Jesus, we pray for those who face violence and unrest each day, in countries around the world and at home in our own community. Lord Jesus,
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Dear Jesus, we pray for our federal, provincial, and municipal leaders as they lead planning for our communities to recover from the pandemic. Give them wisdom and compassion, Lord Jesus,
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Dear Jesus, we pray for our congregation, for churches in our community, and for Christians around the world, especially those who face persecution. Lord Jesus,
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Dear Jesus, we pray for our neighbours, especially for those who live in poverty and those who know rejection and discrimination. Lord Jesus,
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Dear Jesus, we pray for those who are ill, in pain or in grief. We remember before you, silently or aloud, those on our hearts today...Bring them comfort and strength, Lord Jesus,
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Dear Jesus, hear our prayers, and use us in ways we may not yet even imagine to respond to those around us with the love we see in you Jesus Christ and the confidence we draw from your resurrection. With hopeful hearts we offer the prayer that Jesus taught us saying: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Closing Hymn: One More Step

Closing Prayer

Benediction and Send forth. (Ephesians 3:20–21)
Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

God the Creator, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may so faithfully live together in this life, that in the age to come you may have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction: Go Now In Peace

Postlude

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.