

St. James United Church

United by Faith
Strengthened by Friendship
Building a Community of Love and Justice



Breakfast With Jesus
September 10, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

181 Portland Street
Dartmouth
B2Y 1J5
902-464-8852



▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome & Introductions

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD INTO WORSHIP

Lighting the Christ and Pride Candles

Sung Celebration Song

**God of the sparrow,
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We rejoice in giving God thanks and praise.

Opening Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Infinite One, we gather this morning...

on our way from something...

on our way to something...

but here we stop.

We stop to rest,

to turn our attention to all that is holy.

We stop to gather in community,

held and loved,

to break bread together.

We stop to give praise, to sing,

to pray, to listen,

to experience your Spirit moving among us.

Gracious God,

it is good to be here.

Silent Prayer...

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand,
forgive us and love us like a Mother,
and so we pray with confidence and faith, “Our Father...**

Hymns – You Get to Choose!

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Scripture – Genesis 1: 26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 2: 18-23

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him a helper as his partner.”

¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field
and every bird of the air and brought them to the man
to see what he would call them,
and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air
and to every animal of the field,
but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,
and he slept;

then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man
he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³ Then the man said,
“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Questions to Guide Discussion

How do these two accounts differ? How are they the same?

What implications do they have for us today?

What questions do they bring to mind?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymns – You Get to Choose!

Sharing Our Gifts

Sharing in Communion

Prayers of the People

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community – Please See Insert

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Hymns – You Get to Choose!

Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – You Shall Go Out With Joy!

**You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands**

**And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy**

Music Takes Us into the World