

St. James United Church

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

We root ourselves in ritual...



Breakfast With Jesus!

December 31, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

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(▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Every year we celebrate Christmas.
On some Sundays we break bread.
Every week we gather for worship.
Every day we count our blessings.
Every minute God is near.
Yes, every minute God is near.
These are the rituals of our faith.
Let us worship Holy God.

Lighting the Advent Candles

Prayer of Confession (Together)

**God of rhythms,
we confess:
our faith would not be what it is without rituals.
Unlike you,
we depend on bread and water.
We have to return to this space
again and again
to hear old, familiar stories.
For if we stopped,
we know it would not take long
before we lost our way.
Forgive us for our fragility,
and thank you for giving us
ordinary rituals and rhythms to hold onto.
With grateful and humble hearts we pray,
amen.**

Carol Selection

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

An Ancient Word – Luke 2: 21-38

Stories

Carol Selection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that faith is a journey
marked by rituals and rhythms.
We come to worship.
We confess our sins.
We pass the peace.
We offer grace.
We hear the Word.
We baptize children.
We break the bread.
And we tell the story of a loving God.
And through these sacred rituals,
we are reminded:
we are not alone.
God is near,
and we have work to do.
May this belief
shape the rhythm of our lives.
Amen.**

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Carol Selection

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

