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Our Mission as a congregation: *Love the Lord Your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy and love your neighbour as yourself. (Mark 12:19-21 MSG)*

August 2, 2020 - Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Sonata No 4 Largo* (GF Handel) Robert Murray- violin

Call to Worship (John 6:35)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Prayer of Approach (together)

God of life,

Call us into your presence that we might hope.

Teach us of your love that we might know your way.

Feed us with your grace that we might live now and forever.

**For we have gathered as your people in our individual homes but
united as one by the cross of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Christine Morrison

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

Gordon Morrison

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon "Because God Provides"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music *Break Now the Bread of Life*

Prayers of the People

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude *Love Divine*

A warm welcome to everyone who is joining us for worship. May this be a time for you to draw closer to God. Weekly worship services are posted Saturday night on our website- <http://www.stjamesuc.com>. A children's story and activity links are also posted each week.

The online worship services will continue throughout August and into the fall. The tentative date for us to reopen for in person worship services is Sunday, September 6, 2020. The plan for us to reopen is still being worked on so that we ensure we are meeting all the public health requirements.

Thanks to Hee-Jung Choi (our organist) and Kenji Omae (video and editing) for sharing their gifts to make this service of worship possible. Thanks as well to Chad Brazier for taping the children's story.

The church office is closed for the summer. Messages on the voice mail will be checked regularly 902-863-2001.

The Rev. Peter Smith is away on holidays from July 27- August 24.

If there is a pastoral emergency during the coming week

From *August 3-6th* please contact the Rev. Derek Elsworth at 902-833-2920

From *August 7th* onward please contact the Rev. Doug Stewart at (902) 735-2102 or through the St. Martha's Hospital Switchboard during the day (902) 867-4500.

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Truth & Reconciliation – Call #42 Justice – We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to commit to the recognition and implementation of Aboriginal justice systems in a manner consistent with the Treaty and Aboriginal rights of Aboriginal peoples, the

Constitution Act, 1982, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, endorsed by Canada in November 2012.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday (August 9, 2020)

Psalm 85:8-13 • Romans 10:5-15 • Matthew 14:22-33