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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)*

November 1, 2020 - All Saints Sunday

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Help us Lord to serve you with joy.

To glorify you with humility and holiness.

Help us to love you in the peace of the Holy Spirit.

Gather us into your kingdom with all the Saints.

Come, let us worship the Lord our Redeemer.

Prayer of Approach (together)

Your Spirit, Lord is truth, may it make us free.

Your Spirit, Lord is fire, may it enkindle us with love.

Your Spirit, Lord is gentleness, may it bring us peace.

Your Spirit, Lord is life, may it raise us up on the last day.

Come to us, Spirit of the living God. Make us worthy to

be called your saints. Amen.

Children's Story and Lord's Prayer

Meditative Music

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34 (page 761 of VU)

I will bless God at all times,

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul will glory in God,

the humble will hear and be glad.

O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

I sought God, who answered me,

and freed me from all my fears.

Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,
and your faces will not be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard,
and saved me from all my troubles. R**

First Lesson: Revelation 7: 9 - 17

Second Lesson: 1 John 3: 1 - 3

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Anthem

Sermon "You Are My Saints"

Rev. Doug Stewart

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music

Prayers of the People

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

A warm welcome to everyone who is joining us for worship. May this be a time for you to draw closer to God. The services online will be posted each week on our website and through social media.

Because of the social distancing requirements our available seating in the sanctuary for in person worship is limited so please contact the church office earlier in the week at 902-863-2001 if you plan to attend on Sunday morning.

The Rev. Peter Smith is from Monday, October 26, 2020 until Monday November 2. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact the Rev. Meredith Marple at 902-863-0452.

This morning we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Doug Stewart to the pulpit.

The prayers and Christian sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family of Heather and Shaun Scott following the death of Heather's brother, David MacDonald, last week. Please keep Heather, Shaun, and all the family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.

St James Men's Club - Last Fall, St. James Men's Club had purchased frozen Lobster Packs for their annual Lobster Supper in March 2020. Because of Covid 19 they were not able to hold this supper and unless there is a major breakthrough in containing the virus, they are probably unable to hold the supper in 2021. Therefore, they are offering the Lobster Packs for sale. They have 58, 2 lb. packs at \$ 60.00 per pack. You can order these packs by calling the church office from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekdays for the next three weeks. The Lobster will be available for pickup on Nov. 6th between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at Whidden's Trailer Court (garage on left upon entering park). Members of the Men's Club can also arrange delivery on this date if more convenient.

As we navigate through this unusual year, we have seen many changes in the way St James delivers and funds its Ministry. Moving to online services, restrictions in the number of people who can attend in person on Sunday, the loss of our Stump Frolic and rental income, as well as the cost of Covid 19 compliance have all impacted the finances at St James. At the end of September, we find ourselves in a deficit situation of more than \$28,000 and with the unknowns that face us over the next couple of months, the Finance and Stewardship Committee is quite concerned about a shortfall at the end of 2020.

To help ensure the programs and ministry at St. James will continue without disruption we ask that you consider making a special donation. Envelopes are available in the pew and may be used for this special offering appeal. While we welcome your response to this appeal at any time, donations made before November 30th will help us better plan for the new year.

Thank you and God Bless.
Your Finance and Stewardship Committee

A Notice from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59- As large public gatherings are not permitted, there will not be a Public Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph this year. Wreaths will still be sold from October 30 until- November 9th, but purchasers must understand these will not be placed en masse at a public event. Instead, a small contingent of Legion members will handle these private wreaths and lay them at the Cenotaph. This event will be video-taped and made available on the Legion's Facebook site and Youtube Channel.

Those who choose to buy wreaths but wish to place them themselves, may do so on private grave sites or *in the afternoon* on Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph---provided they follow strict Covid protocol rules and gathering limits. The public is strongly encouraged to allow Arras Branch 59 to pre-place their wreaths instead.

At 11:00 on the morning of Remembrance Day there will be a shortened Private Service at the Cenotaph by invitation only. RCL members will lay only 7 Official wreaths at this time. All changes to our standard Remembrance Day activities have been taken in accordance with provincial Health Regulations and to avoid any chance of spread of COVID-19.

RCL Branch 59 on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Branch059events>

RCL Branch 59 on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ2DEhiwDoMCdrqXIphrAVQ>

Social Justice Thought for the Week - Simple Ways to Help the Environment: Use reusable bags. Print as little as necessary. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repurpose! Use reusable beverage containers.

Truth & Reconciliation – Call #55 National Council for Reconciliation – We call upon all levels of government to provide annual reports or any current data requested by the National Council for Reconciliation so that it can report on the progress to reconciliation. [please note that this Call includes multiple subsections dealing with: i) numbers, ii) comparative funding, iii) educational and income attainments, iv) progress in health indicators, v) progress on eliminating the over representation of Aboriginal children in custody, vi) progress on reducing the rate of criminal victimization of Aboriginal people and vii) progress on reducing the over representation of Aboriginal people in correctional systems – and is best read in the original text]

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Amos 5:18-24 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Matthew 25:1-13