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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 22, 2020 - Reign of Christ Sunday

### **GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER**

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsive from 1 Chronicles 16:31)

Let the heavens be glad,

**and let the earth rejoice;**

And let them say among the nations,

**“The Lord reigns.”**

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Eternal God, in Jesus you call us**

**to know your forgiveness and grace.**

**Open our hearts that we might experience your love**

**and better understand the way you call us to live**

**as followers of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, Amen.**

Children’s Story and Lord’s Prayer

Meditative Music

### **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

Responsive Reading (Psalm 100 p. 824 VU)

Shout to God, all the earth

**worship with gladness and love.**

Come before God with laughter,

**our maker to whom we belong.**

To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,

**let us raise our voices in praise.**

Come to God’s gates with thanks,

**come to God’s courts with praise.**

Praise and bless Gods name

**“Truly you are good:**

you are always gracious,

**and faithful age after age.” R**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Anthem

Sermon “A Parable of Comfort and Warning.”

### **GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND**

Meditative Music

Prayers of the People

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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**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.

**There is limited seating available** for the inperson worship because of the social distancing requirements. If you are planning to attend for the first time since reopening please call the office 902-863-2001 and let us know that you plan to attend on Sunday morning .

**The Men’s Club wish** to thank the members of the congregation and community for their positive response to our sale of the Lobster Packs. However as of Thursday we still have fourteen (14) 2 lb. packs available. I am suggesting that some of you may know friends or neighbors who might be interested in purchasing one or more packs. If so, have them call Bob Murray at 863-3179 to arrange to have them picked up.

**Connections** - It’s time for the St. James United family to think about the Christmas edition of Connections. So much has changed, yet our spirit and connectedness to the church remains strong. If you are uncertain about whether or not your idea would be appropriate for the newsletter, why not give me (Brenda Rose) a call at 867-1587 or drop me an email at [brendaannerose@gmail.com](mailto:brendaannerose@gmail.com) I’d love to hear from you.

**Please note that 25 November** is the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today. Yet it remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it. What does it look like? Intimate partner violence; sexual violence and harassment; human trafficking; female genital mutilation; and child marriage. Get informed and advocate against these shameful practices!

**Truth & Reconciliation** – Call #58 Church Apologies and Reconciliation – We call upon the Pope to issue an apology to survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools.

*When someone calls and we reconnect,  
it brings back so much and might make new paths ahead.*

-A thought from Outreach and Communication Committee

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Isaiah 64:1-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 • Mark 13:24-37