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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)*

January 17, 2021 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude: *I Bind Unto Myself Today* (traditional) Amy Hendricks- violin
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 2:3)
Come, let us gather as God's people;
so that God may teach us the ways of life
and we may walk with each other and God
along the paths of righteousness.

Prayer of Approach: (together)

Eternal and gracious God,
Your love shines in the midst of our lives,
chasing away the shadows which surround us and
calling us to experience your mercy and grace.
Send your Holy Spirit among us, we pray,
so that we might experience the new life
which is ours through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Children's story and the Lord's prayer.

Meditative Music

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 (p. 724 VU)

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked,
or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.
But their delights is in the law of God,
and on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted beside streams of water,
yielding their fruit in due season.

Their leaves do not wither,

and whatever they produce shall prosper. R

As for the wicked, it is not so with them.,

But they are like the chaff, driven away by the wind.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgement comes,
not sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. R.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Anthem *O Lord Most Holy* (Cesar Franck)

Amy Hendricks-violin

Sermon: "Seeing Even More"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music

Pastoral Prayer of the People

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: *Sonata K.545 Andante* (Mozart)

Glenn Omae -piano

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.

This morning's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of
Chad Brazier and Sarah Armstrong's
ten year anniversary of marriage on January 17, 2021

The 2021 Social Justice Calendar is now available for pick up in the
narthex. Please take one of these and prayerfully consider the dates and
events as they come up throughout the year. Thank you!

For the month of January, the church office will be open on Tuesday
and Thursday mornings from 10 am until noon. The emails, voice
messages, and mail slot are checked daily.

The decision was made by the area clergy to not hold an in person
worship service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year.
This week all of the churches in Antigonish will pray for each other and
we invite everyone to consider the ways we can better understand and

work with our sisters and brothers in different Churches.

How can you help support the life and work at St. James? You can send a donation to St. James United Church, P. O. Box 1178, 197 Main Street, Antigonish NS B2G 2L6, or you can drop it off in the mail slot in the office door. You can also click on the “Donate” button on the website to take you to our Canada Helps page, or you can give monthly via PAR. For more information send an email to office@stjamesuc.com

Virtual Coffee Time continues this Thursday at 11 am. If you would like to join the fun just email Rev. Peter minister@stjamesuc.com

Your Social Justice Committee invites you to note two special dates this week – today is World Religion Day and tomorrow, January 18th, marks the start of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which extends to January 25th. World Religion Day’s aim is to promote inter-faith understanding and harmony. Through a variety of events held around the globe, followers of every religion are encouraged to acknowledge the similarities that different faiths have. For instance, almost every religion has some variation of the “Golden Rule”. This year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme is “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.” John 15:5-9

Truth & Reconciliation – Call #66 Youth Programs – We call upon the federal government to establish multi-year funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation, and establish a national network to share information and best practices.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Mark 1:14-20