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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 24, 2021 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude: *I Am The Light Of The World* Gordon and Christine Morrison

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive adapted from Psalm 62:5-8)

We wait for God alone, for our hope rests in God.

God alone is our rock and our salvation.

We will not be shaken for God is our refuge and deliverer.

We are not afraid for we trust in the goodness of God.

Prayer of Approach: (together)

Eternal and loving God,

**We come this day with our fears and our worries,
our pain and our sorrows, our uncertainties and our faults.**

**We come because we need your forgiveness, your grace,
your strength, and your peace.**

**We come because you call us to experience again
the power and wonder of your love
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Children's story and the Lord's prayer.

Meditative Music *What Does The Lord Require Of You?*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 131 (p. 854 VU)

O God, my heart is not proud,
my eyes are not raised up too high.

**I do not occupy myself with matters too great for me,
with marvels that are beyond me.**

But I have stilled and quieted my soul
like a weaned child nestling to its mother,

like a child is my soul within me.

**O Israel, hope in God,
from this time forth and forevermore. R**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Anthem *My Soul Cries Out*

Gordon and Christine Morrison

Sermon: "The Time is Fulfilled..."

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music *Jesus Calls Us*

Pastoral Prayer 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 (www.stjamesuc.com) and through social media (www.facebook.com/stjamesAntigonish)

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.

Broadview (formally 'the Observer') is the magazine of the United Church which features articles on spirituality and society. Renewals or new subscriptions can be made through the church office this month. Please put your cheque or money order for \$25 made out to "Broadview" with your offering or through the mail slot before February 7, 2021.

The Church Council met last Tuesday to consider the life and work of St. James. The committee reports, financial statements, and proposed budget for 2021 were reviewed and will be published in the Annual Report available early February. While many things had to be postponed or cancelled because of Covid-19 there was still lots of activity within our congregation last year. We are also in good financial shape especially considering the uncertainty of 2020. The Congregational Annual Meeting date and format are still to be determined but tentatively will happen near the end of February.

The next celebration of Holy Communion will be on Sunday, February 21, 2021 (The first Sunday of Lent). There are plans to have a livestream that morning at 10:30 as well as our taped service which will be available at 1 pm. If you would like to pick up elements to share in the sacrament at home please be in touch with the church office.

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

Truth & Reconciliation – Call #67 Museums and Archives – We call upon the federal government to provide funding to the Canadian Museums Association to undertake, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, a national review of museum policies and best practices to determine the level of compliance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to make recommendations.

Your Social Justice committee asks you to mark the 27th – International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms our unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence. This date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops in 1945. In 2020, UNESCO organized a series of events to mark the 75th anniversary.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 • Mark 1:21-28