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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)*

February 7, 2021 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful* Jonathan Davie- Amy Hendricks piano
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship (adapted from Proverbs 3:5-8 responsive)
Let us trust in God with all our heart,
and lean not our own strength and wisdom but on God.
Let us look to God to show us the way.
For God alone is the source of life and light eternal.

Prayer of Approach: (together)
**God of hope, in each day of the year you offer us
opportunities and possibilities through the Holy Spirit.**
**God of grace, within each hour of the day you call us
to new life through Jesus.**
**God of love, during each moment of our lives you show us
the depth of your caring and compassion.**
**So this day we come before you in hope, through grace,
and by love for we come
as your people in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Children's story and the Lord's prayer.
Meditative Music *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:1-11 (p. 869 VU)
How good it is to sing praises to God
how pleasant to laud the Most High.
You are building Jerusalem, O God,
and gathering the scattered exiles of Israel.
You are healing the broken hearted and binding up their wounds.

You count the number of the stars, and call them all by their names.
**Great are you, O God, and mighty your power,
yes, and your wisdom is infinite.**
You raise up the lowly,
and bring down the wicked to dust. R.

Sing to God in thanksgiving, make music on the harp to our God.
**Who covers the sky with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth,
who makes the hill green with grass.**
You give the cattle their food and the young ravens when they cry
**You set no store by the power of a horse,
not by the strength of a warrior's thighs.**
But your delight is in those who revere you,
in those who rely on your mercy. R.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Anthem *All Things Bright And Beautiful*

Jonathan Davie

Sermon: "Another Look at Repentance"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music *Take Time to Be Holy*

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 are posted each week on our website (www.stjamesuc.com) and through social media (www.facebook.com/stjamesAntigonish)

For the month of February, 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.

African Heritage Month: The 2021 African Heritage Month theme, Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act, recognizes the important legacy of people of African descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada. The theme brings focus and increased awareness of racialized issues of a community that has

overcome great adversity for inclusion. It further calls on us to listen, learn, share and act to make society a better place.

Nova Scotia has over 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a long, deep, and complex history dating back over 400 years. African Heritage Month provides us with another opportunity to celebrate our culture, legacy, achievements, and contributions of people of African Descent – past and present.

Truth & Reconciliation – Call #69 Museums and Archives – We call upon Library and Archives Canada to: i) fully adopt and implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UN Joint-Ortlicher Principles, as related to Aboriginal peoples' inalienable right to know the truth about what happened and why, with regard to human rights violations committed against them in the residential schools, ii) ensure that its record holdings related to residential schools are accessible to the public, and iii) commit more resources to its public education materials and programming on residential schools. [UN Joint-Ortlicher Principles = People who have been subjected to human rights violations have a right to know the truth, as part of their right to an effective remedy.]

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 mail a donation to St. James United Church, P. O. Box 1178, 197 Main Street, Antigonish NS B2G 2L6, drop it off in the mail slot, click on the “Donate” button on the website, or you can give monthly via PAR. For more information send an email to office@stjamesuc.com

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12 • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 • Mark 9:2-9