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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)*

August 1, 2021 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *As the Deer Pants for the Water* Garrett van de Wiel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

The good news of Jesus Christ is that God is merciful,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The good news of Jesus Christ is that God is forgiving

**God's steadfast love washes away our transgressions.**

The good news of Jesus Christ is that God offers us new life

**God steadfast love gives us a new day in which to live.**

Prayer of Approach (together):

**God of every new day, help us to look at our lives with honest eyes.**

**For we need to see not merely what we have done wrong but your grace and love which await us. For in your mercy and by your love you forgive and make us new. By your grace draw us together to be your people and to experience your love, Amen.**

Children's story and Lord's prayer.

Meditative Music

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 50 (p. 775 VU)

God, the Almighty, has spoken;

**and summoned the world**

**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

God shines out from Zion, a city perfect in beauty.

**Our God appears, and will not keep silence. R**

Before you, God runs a consuming fire,

and a mighty tempest rages about you.

**You call on the heavens above, and on the earth below,  
to witness the judgement of your people:**

“Gather my people before me,  
the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.”

**The heavens proclaim your justice, for you yourself are  
judge. R**

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35

Anthem *Be Thou My Vision*

Garrett van de Wiel

Sermon: “Justice and Grace”

### GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music

Prayer 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 are posted each week on our website ( [www.stjamesuc.com](http://www.stjamesuc.com) ) and through social media ( [www.facebook.com/stjamesAntigonish](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesAntigonish) )

**Thanks to Sheila Davison** and Garrett van de Wiel who are sharing their gifts of music this morning.

**The Rev. Peter Smith is on holidays** from Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact the Rev. Doug Stewart at (902) 735-2102 or through the St. Martha's Hospital Switchboard during the day (902) 867-4500 press “0” for the operator.

**Next Sunday we are pleased** to welcome Michèle Ashby to lead our service of worship.

**The Church office is closed** until September 7<sup>th</sup>. The voice mail, email and mail slot are checked regularly over the summer.

**Truth & Reconciliation – Call # 94 Newcomers to Canada** – We call upon the government of Canada to replace the oath of citizenship with the following: "I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples, and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen." To read all the calls and the complete Truth and Reconciliation Report please go to <http://www.trc.ca/>

Today is the start of **World Breastfeeding Week!** This represents a global celebration of breastfeeding efforts including promotion, support, education, research, progressive trends and normalization of breastfeeding as the gold standard of infant nutrition.

**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](mailto:office@stjamesuc.com)

### **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Ecclesiastes 4:1-12 • Ephesians 4:25-5:2 • Luke 10:30-37