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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)

July 18, 2021 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive adapted from Eph 3:17-19)

We come to worship so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith;  
**and that we might be rooted and grounded in love,**  
So that we might know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge  
**and be filled with the fullness of God's promise.**

Prayer of Approach (together):

**God of this and every day, we come as generations before us came  
to worship and to listen to your word proclaimed.  
We come as generations after us will come to experience the  
salvation and hope which is ours through Jesus Christ.  
We come, because you call us and invite us to come  
and discover the power of your grace in our lives, Amen.**

Children's story and Lord's prayer.

Meditative Music *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121 (p. 844 VU)

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will I look for help?

**My help comes from God, who has made heaven and earth**

God will not let your foot stumble;  
the One who protects Israel will not slumber.

**The One who protects you will neither slumber nor sleep. R**

It is God who protects you, your defense at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

God will protect you from all evil,

God will protect your life.

**God will protect your going and coming,  
now and forever more. R**

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: "Building Something Eternal"

## GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music *Faith of Our Fathers*

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) )

**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 #92 Business and Reconciliation –** We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. To read all the calls and the complete Truth and Reconciliation Report please go to <http://www.trc.ca/>

Today is **Nelson Mandela Day**. This year, the theme is "One Hand Can Feed Another". This call to action for the people of South Africa, (and for each of us), hopes to ignite the embers of ubuntu and tackle food insecurity by working together. Ubuntu means "I am, because you are". It is part of the Zulu phrase "Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu", which literally means that a person is a person through other people. It is that nebulous concept of common humanity, oneness: humanity, you and me both.

**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)

**Covid- 19: A Global Response.** The United Church of Canada has launched an appeal to bring resources and help to areas in need because of the pandemic. For more information and to donate please see <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/covid-19-global-response>

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DOORS OPEN FOR CHURCHES: VIRTUAL GUIDED TOURS OF PLACES OF WORSHIP”. These virtual tours will run from July to October and are organized by county. Each county has been assigned a week when the photographs and information about their participating churches will be posted online on the Trust’s Facebook page (@HeritageTrustNovaScotia). This Facebook page can be accessed from Heritage Trust of NS’s website at <https://www.htns.ca/>.

Please note that Antigonish County has been assigned the week, July 25th to 31st. A participating church in Antigonish Town and County will be featured each day of that assigned week.

July 25: St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Bayfield

July 26: St Anne's Catholic Church, Welnek/Summerside (577 Summerside Rd)

July 27: St Andrew's Catholic Church, St Andrews (3858 Hwy 316)

July 28: L'Église Ste. Croix/Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pomquet (1148 Pomquet Monks Head Rd, Antigonish)

July 29: St James United Church, Antigonish (197 Main St)

July 30: St Ninian's Cathedral, Antigonish (121 St Ninian St)

July 31: St Paul's Anglican Church, Antigonish (96 Church St)

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

2 Samuel 11:1-15 • Ephesians 3:14-21 • John 6:1-21