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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)

October 17, 2021 - Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

## GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude Garret van de Wiel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

Why do we come to worship?

**To open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit.**

What is our hope as we gather?

**To know the forgiveness and new life which Jesus offers.**

What does God asks from us in life?

**To seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly in faith.**

Prayer of Approach (together):

**Loving and eternal God, we come this day as your people.**

**We come humbly understanding how we have failed  
and seeking the grace you offer to us.**

**We come hopefully hearing your invitation  
and promise of new life.**

**We come joyfully knowing that you invite us to walk with you  
and with each other in the way of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Hymn: 409 VU *Morning Has Broken*

Children's Story and Lord's prayer.

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91 (p. 807 VU )

First Reading: Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Anthem

Garret van de Wiel

Sermon: "That is Great"

## GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 574 VU *Come, Let Us Sing of A Wonderful Love*

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](http://www.stjamesuc.com) ) and through social media ( [www.facebook.com/stjamesAntigonish](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesAntigonish) )

**Thanks to** Garret van de Wiel who is sharing his gift of music with us this morning

**The Rev. Peter Smith is away** from Monday, October 18 until Monday October 25. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact the Rev. Meredith Marple at 902-863-0452. **Next Sunday** we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Doug Stewart to lead our service of worship.

**Choir practices are resuming** on Thursday evenings. If you are interested please speak with Chris Morrison after service.

**Please remember that** as committees and groups begin resuming activities that it is important to book your room through the church office. The church office is open Monday to Friday 9 am until 1 pm. Patsy can also be reached by email [office@stjamesuc.com](mailto:office@stjamesuc.com) and telephone 902-863-2001.

**October is Mi'kmaq history month** in Nova Scotia. May we learn from the past and seek to build better relationships with our first nations neighbours as treaty people living in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

**Proof of Vaccine requirement** at St. James. We have received clarification from NS Public Health that all activities other than our regular Sunday morning service will require proof of vaccine. This includes weddings, funerals, and meetings of our groups and committees.

**Visiting at St. Martha's.** Just a reminder that because of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions in place at the hospital that Rev. Peter cannot visit unless he receives a request from someone in the hospital or their family. If you are in the hospital and would like a visit please call 902-863-2859 to leave a message for Rev. Peter or tell one of the staff at St. Martha's.

Your Social Justice Committee invites you to note that today is the **International Day for Poverty Eradication.** COVID-19 has reversed decades of progress in the fight against poverty. According to the World Bank, between 88 and 115 million people are being pushed into poverty as a result, with the majority of the new extreme poor found in South Asian and Sub-Saharan countries where poverty rates are already high. In 2021, the numbers are expected to rise! Many are talking of "building back better," but the message is clear from the impoverished that they do not want to build back to what was before. Instead, people living in poverty propose to build forward. Building forward together means ending persistent poverty, respecting all people and our planet. What can we do locally to eradicate poverty? Follow the Antigonish Poverty Reduction Coalition and their work.

**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)