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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)

September 4, 2022 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus says "Follow Me"

We follow by coming together to be the church in the world.

Jesus says "Follow Me"

We follow by praising God with our songs and prayers.

Jesus says "Follow Me"

We follow by letting the gospel message shape our lives.

Prayer of Approach (together)

Gracious Lord, encourage us to show the kindness that we wish from others. Challenge us to live with the integrity that we expect from others. Help us how to live out the same humility that we treasure in others. For we ask this and all of our prayers in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: 409 VU *Morning has Broken*

Children's Story and Lord's Prayer.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121 (p.844 VU)

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Second Reading: 1 John 3:2-3

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Anthem

Sermon "Conversations about Faith"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 561 VU *Take Up Your Cross*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 651 VU *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

A warm welcome to everyone who is joining us for worship. May this be a time for us to draw closer to each other and God. We recognize that we gather in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, and we seek to be good neighbours to the First Nations.

The Hot Meal Program currently has plenty of take out containers and doesn't have space for any more at present. Thanks to everyone who dropped off some when we needed them.

Our own St James is one of the featured photos in the 2023 United Church paper calendar. Remember those? If you are interested in purchasing one for the keepsake, the UCW sells them at \$10 each. Please notify christine@betterbodiesbymassage.ca (902-714-9463) or chapman.sheryl@gmail.com by September 12th.

Your social Justice Committee reminds you that tomorrow is the **International Day of Charity** – please help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities. September 8th is **International Literacy Day**. This year's theme is "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces" and will be an opportunity to rethink the fundamental importance of literacy learning spaces to build resilience and ensure quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all. And 10 September is **World Suicide Prevention Day**. Too many people experience suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. There is hope. If you, or someone you know, is dealing with suicidal ideation – don't hesitate to call the "Talk Suicide Canada" line at 1-833-456-4566 (24/7) or text 45645 (4:00 pm > midnight ET).

Stewardship Thought for September 4, 2022

No one has ever become poor by giving. - Anne Frank

Next Sunday's Scripture

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 • 1 Timothy 1:12-17 • Luke 15:1-10