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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 23, 2022 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

### GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Les Cieux et La Terre* Martha Palmer & Michèle Ashby

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (409 VU Morning has Broken v1)

*Morning has broken, like the first morning  
 Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!*

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Our Creator has designed a beautiful world,

**All: a world where each one can have what is needed to live fully**

One: when we nurture and share Earth's sacred abundance.

**All: As we gather for worship, we do so with gratitude.**

One: Let us worship our Creator God,

**All: for we have been deeply blessed,**

One: And renew our commitment to be a blessing.

Prayer of Approach (together)

**O beloved Creator, we open our hearts to your wisdom:**

**to the thoughts that calm us,**

**the ideas that provoke us,**

**the teachings that expand us,**

**the insights that challenge us,**

**the ideas that inspire us.**

**Work in us as we worship today. We are open and ready**

**for your wisdom's unfolding.**

**Amen.**

Hymn: 603 VU *In Loving Partnership We Come*

Children's Story and the Lord's Prayer.

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107: 33-37 (p. 832 VU)

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-13

Second Reading: James 2: 14-17

Anthem *How Can I Keep From Singing* (Timothy Shaw)

Martha Palmer & Michèle Ashby

Sermon "Buy without Price"

### GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 1 MV *Let Us Build A House*

Minute for Mission

Paul van de Wiel

Offertory (227 VU For the Fruits of All Creation- v3)

*O God, bless us to share our daily bread, healthy portions of  
 compassion and love, not out of guilt or duty or an eye to what we  
 might receive in return, but humbly, in the way of Jesus, such that his  
 grace is kneaded through all our daily offerings, broken open, blessed,  
 and shared with both the loneliest stranger and the deepest friend.  
 Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 120 MV *My Soul Cries Out*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (409 VU Morning has Broken v3)

*Ours is the Sunlight, ours is the morning  
 born of the one light Eden saw play.  
 Praise with elation, praise every morning  
 God's recreation of the new day!*

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.

**This Sunday we are pleased** to have members of the UCW leading our service of worship.

## **Important Canadian Women**

**A series brought to you throughout the month of October by the UCW**

Rev Dr Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisa'lakw, was born in 1975 in Alert Bay on the west coast of Canada – a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation. Lansdowne attended the Vancouver School of Theology and earned a Master of Divinity in 2007 and was ordained as a minister in the United Church. She later returned to VST earning a Master of Theology in 2011, then went on to the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California earning a PhD in 2016.

Lansdowne was elected (uncontested) the 44th Moderator of the United Church of Canada, in July 2022. She is the first Indigenous woman to hold the office. In accepting, she stood down from her role as executive director of Vancouver's First United Church Community Ministry Society, which serves the people of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. She previously served on the governing body of the World Council of Churches (Geneva) from 2006 to 2013 and was guest preacher in different communities of faith.

In 1986 the United Church of Canada apologized for our role in the residential schools system, and while our Indigenous church has acknowledged that apology, they have, 36 years later, not accepted it. "...part of that apology is a living apology and making amends - proving through your behaviour you can do things differently. (T)hey weren't accepting it because they wanted to wait and see what the church did differently," said Lansdowne in a Broadview interview in February 10, 2022.

Lansdowne has expressed passion for the rural church struggle. She also strives for an intercultural church being "radically committed to community, to granting each other dignity and listening to each other in ways that transforms who each of us is and who we are together." Lansdowne would like to see if the UCC is ready to have the conversations that will lead to us raising our voices to reclaim some moral authority around economic systems of injustice in this country.

To enforce her ideals of undiluted social voice, she posted a Rainbow Flag on Twitter on June 28, 2022 along with this statement – "This pastor will marry you and support you as you access reproductive care. Full Stop. No Exceptions." This was days before her election as our Moderator.

"The church can do and should do more," Rev Dr Carmen Lansdowne said. "We don't have a ton of time to confront some of the challenges that we have... We have to think big and be hopeful and creative."

Now, in articulating her vision for The United Church of Canada, the Rev Dr Lansdowne speaks of a church committed: "To build new connections and rebuild old ones. To work towards social change that sees a world cared for, and human dignity honoured. To walk together every day in repentance and reconciliation. To march and fight and change unjust systems together. To pray together. To sing together. To discern together. Because truly we are not alone. We live in God's world."

**The Rev. Peter Smith is away** on Study Leave from Thursday October 20 until Wednesday, October 26. If there is a pastoral emergency during this 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.

### **Scripture for Next Sunday**

Isaiah 1:10-18 • 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 • Luke 19:1-10

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

**Sunday, October 23**

11:30 pm Info Tables in the Hall- UCW and Prayer Shawl ministry

**Tuesday, October 25**

11:00am The Community Hot Meal in the Hall.  
3:00pm Meditation Group in the Meeting Room.

**Thursday, October 27**

6:30pm Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

Today the United Church Women are bringing you the service and celebrating Women! We applaud the fact that on October 18, 1929, the "Persons Case" opened the Senate to women, enabling them to work for change in both the House of Commons and the Upper House. Moreover, the legal recognition of women as "persons" meant that women could no longer be denied rights based on a narrow interpretation of the law. The day commemorates the case of *Edwards v. Canada* – a famous Canadian constitutional case which affirmed the concept that women were indeed "persons" under the law.

**Thank You!** Betty Webber would like to thank the UCW for the cards she received and for the donation to M&S made in her honour. It was a joy to read the cards and she appreciated the kind words. Betty, as always, is happy to see visitors and would welcome a visit anytime.

### **UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES**

**Info Tables After Church:** Come check us out! We're back and welcoming your interest! Over the following dates, you can visit us after church. Don't be shy, just ask us what we're up to. And there's room for more.

*In an effort to make our church as welcoming as possible to those people who may join us, please help in making our sanctuary scent free by avoiding perfumes and scented products when getting ready for church.*

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, November 6th** from 11:00 – 1:30PM: Annual Hip of Beef Dinner at the Mini-Trail Community Centre on Highway 337, Lakevale in Antigonish CO. Enjoy this buffet style dinner of roast beef, fresh vegetables, salad, rolls along with an amazing assortment of desserts. \$25 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under. Takeout available. For additional information about the event please call 902-870-5528.

**A group of professors and others** are working with Linda Darwish to bring a young Afghan woman to Canada under the expedited stream for Afghan refugees. The woman is a cousin of Linda's former student. Her situation is dire. We are required to raise half of the \$17,000 sponsorship amount in order to submit the application to the government, which will be done under the SAFE sponsorship holder agreement. If you would like to donate, you may do so by e-transferring funds directly to the following bank account that has been set up specifically for this purpose: 2022CAWE@gmail.com. If needed, the name of the account is: Canadian-Afghani Women Embrace. Unfortunately, we are not able to issue tax receipts because the money is for the support of a specific person. Please talk to Linda if you have any questions- you can call or email her at 514-655-5806 / ldarwish@stfx.ca.