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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 30, 2022 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

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)

Jesus comes to seek and save the lost.

Let us gather and listen to the Good Shepherd.

Jesus calls out to each and every one of us.

Let us stop and hear the message of God.

Jesus brings the salvation of God to the ends of the earth.

Let us live the new life which is ours through Christ.

Prayer of Approach (together)

Living God,

give us courage to place our hopes in you,

to trust in what we do not see;

to believe that you forgive and redeem,

and to rest in your promise of grace.

For we gather not as the forgotten but the found,

not as the shunned but the sought,

not as the lost but as your people through Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: 28 MV *God of the Bible*

Children's Story and the Lord's Prayer.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32 (p. 759 VU)

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Anthem

Sermon "Wanting to See Jesus"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 144 MV *Like Healing Stream*

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

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 176 MV *Draw the Circle Wide*

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.

The prayers and Christian sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family of Kathryn MacHattie following her death last week. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.

Scripture for Next Sunday

Job 19:23-27a • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38

Important Canadian Women

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

Rose Fortune was born to run away enslaved parents from Virginia, USA during the American Revolution. By pledging loyalty to the British Army, her family could travel to Canada along with 3000 others, and, when she was ten, settled in Annapolis Valley – home to many Black Loyalists.

Canada was no wonderland. While freed from enslavement, it was hard for Black Loyalists to earn a living, often paid less than white employees – if they were able to get jobs at all. At the age of 50, Fortune began work as a baggage carrier moving luggage from boats to homes and businesses with her wheelbarrow. She helped travellers find lodgings and began a “wake-up call” service wherein she would go from Inn to Inn ensuring they didn’t oversleep, missing their boats. By 1841, her business upgraded to horse drawn carriages and was known as Lewis Transfer – a business which remained in her family for over 100 years.

Her reputation marked Fortune as honest, strong and reliable. As a result, town leaders and local businesses entrusted her to safeguard property and keep the wharves and warehouses safe. She imposed and enforced curfews and was responsible for law and order in Annapolis. Widely regarded as the first female police officer in North America, Fortune held this role into her 70s, dying at the age of 90, in 1864.

Her legacy includes memorial markers and a scholarship. A direct descendant, Daurene Lewis, was elected mayor of Annapolis Royal in 1984 – the first African Canadian to hold such an office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, October 30

- 11:30 am Social Justice Committee will meet in the Meeting Room.
1:00 pm Legion Remembrance Service

Monday, October 31

- 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Committee will meet in the Parlour.

Tuesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 3

- 6:30pm Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

The latest issue of “Connections”, the congregational newsletter for St. James, is available in the Narthex and online at www.stjamesuc.com. Thanks to all of our contributors and to Chad and Sarah for editing this edition.

October, **Mi'kmaq History Month** in Nova Scotia, is coming to a close. If you don't know much about the Residential Schools in NS and their detrimental effects on Mi'kmaq, watch “Mak'it's Doll” <https://vimeo.com/143251875> on line or read “Out of the Depths, the Experiences of Mi'kmaw Children at the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, NS” by Isabelle Knockwood or “Indian School Road, Legacies of the Shubenacadie Residential School” by Chris Benjamin.

Did you know? PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) is the way about half the families in St. James make their offering. Once per month the amount you designate is transferred to the church to ensure that our work and witness to the good news of Jesus continues here in Antigonish and around the world. If you are interested signing up for PAR or in learning more please speak to Pamela Cunningham or drop by the church office.

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, November 6

- 10:30am Remembrance Sunday at St. James

There will be no **Holly Tea and Sale** this year. Instead, a table of Christmas items will be sold during coffee hour Nov 6, 13 and 20. We are not accepting new items for sale.

The UCW General Meeting will be held Sunday Nov. 13th after the morning worship service in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

The Christmas Day Dinner at St. James will be back this year! We are pleased that Daniel Vanderlans and Nicole Murphy have stepped forward to help coordinate this community effort. More information will be available as we move into November but volunteers and donations will be welcome.

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.

Stewardship Thought for this Sunday (October 30, 2022)

“Gratitude is the antidote to pride,

that life is not our achievement but a gift.”

-Walter Bruggeman – theologian, Old Testament scholar