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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)*

November 13, 2022 - Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Martha Palmer

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 adapted from Isaiah 12:3-6)

Give thanks to God all people of faith!

For God has done great things!

Spread the news of what God has done throughout the world.

Tell that God's love and grace can transform the earth!

Sing your thanks and shout for joy:

For God opens the way for a better tomorrow!

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Eternal God, we believe you are at work in the world
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

**We trust that your goodness and justice will triumph in the end
and tyranny and oppression will be banished.**

**In faith, we look ahead to the time when all tears will be wiped
away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down
like a mighty stream. As we worship, fill our minds with your vision
and our hearts with your grace for we gather in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Hymn: 312 VU *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Children's Story and the Lord's Prayer.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98 (p. 818 VU)

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Anthem *Be Not Afraid* (Bob Dufford, SJ)

Sermon "The Way Forward"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 713 VU *I See A New Heaven*

Minute for Mission

Pamela Cunningham

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: 337 VU *Blessed Assurance*

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.

Please note that 16 November is the **International Day of Tolerance**. How can you celebrate this special day? By learning more about tolerance and intolerance and celebrating the differences between cultures. Start a conversation with someone with a differing viewpoint. You may find you have more in common than you expected!

Scripture for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Colossians 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, November 13

- 11:30 am There will be no **Holly Tea and Sale** this year. Instead, a table of Christmas items will be sold during coffee hour Nov 13 and 20. We are not accepting new items for sale.
- 11:30 am **The UCW General Meeting** in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

Tuesday, November 15

- 11:00am The Community Hot Meal in the Hall.
- 3:00pm Meditation Group in the Meeting Room.
- 7:00pm Council Meets on Zoom

Thursday, November 17

- 6:30pm Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

Stewardship Thought for this Sunday (November 13, 2022)

How we spend our money reflects our priorities. We vote with our wallet and where we place our treasure reflects our spiritual priorities too.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Antigonish Choral Ensemble presents Choral Colours Friday, November 18th at 7:30 pm at St. James, Admission by donation: \$15/person suggested. Doors open at 7. Ryan Billington, Director, Amy Hendricks, Piano with Anitya Lanyon, Violin, StFX Vocal Ensembles.

The Afghan Sponsorship (CAWE) group is holding a fund-raising dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 PM. We will be serving authentic, home-cooked Afghan food (which is delicious!), and have wonderful music and dance entertainment offered by some Afghan-Canadians. As well, our first Afghan family arrival will be there and will talk about their human rights work in Afghanistan. The money raised will go to the support of the young woman whom we are sponsoring. Suggested donation: \$75. Location: the church hall. Tickets may be purchased through the donation email address: CAWE2022@gmail.com. Please state your name and how many tickets you are purchasing so we have a record. You may also purchase print tickets from Linda after the service. Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you there.