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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)

January 28, 2024- Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: (79 VU Arise Your Light Has Come vs 1)

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.*

Call to Worship (responsive)

Let us come before God with humility,

because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Let us come before God with expectation,

because through grace all things are possible.

Let us come before God in confidence,

because God forgives us and gives us new life through Christ.

Prayer of Approach (together)

God of this new day,

thank you for the chance to gather for worship —

to praise you for our lives and blessings,

to grow closer to our friends and neighbours,

to experience your Spirit at work in the prayers and the music

and to know once again that you call us to be your people

through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Hymn: 415 VU *God, We Praise You For The Morning*

Children's Story and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 570 VU *Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111 (833 VU)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Anthem: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Sermon: "Living the Good News"

Selena Wang

Billy Polson

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 79 MV *Spirit Open My Heart*

Minute for Mission

Pamela Cunningham

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Offertory response (541 VU Praise God from Whom All Blessings)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures high and low

give thanks to God in love made known

Creator, Word, and Spirit One

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 288 VU *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction: (79 VU Arise Your Light Has Come vs 4)

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing;

God's power will make us strong.

Postlude *Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name*

A warm welcome to everyone who is joining us for worship. May this time help you draw to closer to God and your neighbour. 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 Rev. Peter Smith will be away from Monday January 29th until Monday February 5th. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact the Rev. Meredith Marple at 902-863-0452. Next Sunday we are please to welcome Michèle Ashby who will lead our worship

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 40:21-31 • 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 • Mark 1:29-39

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, January 28

11:30 am UCW General Meeting in the Meeting Room

Monday, January 29

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlour.

Tuesday, January 30

10:00 am Hot Meal Program

3:00 pm Meditation Group in Meeting Room. For more information, call Fran @ 902- 863-3546

Thursday, February 2

10:00 am Hot Meal Program

7:00 pm Senior Choir. New Members welcome!

Greeting this morning is Joanne Clifton

Coffee Hosts are Debbie MacDougall and Jessie Detweiller

February is African Heritage Month! Here at St James we will celebrate the many accomplishments of the Black community throughout the month. The week of 1 > 7 is World Interfaith Harmony Week which encourages people of different religions to gather and start a discussion. Its goal is to encourage communication, and hopefully improve harmony between all people – regardless of their religious beliefs.

Antigonish4Gaza holds weekly rallies on Saturdays in solidarity with the Palestinian people, amplifying the call for peace and humanitarian aid. Attendance is added to national and international numbers - your presence matters. Join us 12pm-1pm at Town Hall. More actions and information can be found at linktr.ee/antigonish4gaza or on Facebook @antigonish4gaza

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Antigonish Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be on Sunday January 28 from 9-12. Donations at the door will assist with the installation of a chair lift.