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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)*

May 26, 2024- Trinity Sunday

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (156 MV Dance with the Spirit)

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-on',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

Call to Worship (responsive)

God is above us, greater than we can imagine.

God is beside us, a friend and a companion.

God is within us, a comforter and a helper.

We are created, called, and blessed by God,

so let us praise God with our prayers and our songs.

Prayer of Approach (together)

God who has created and is creating,

you made us in your image and place the world in our hands.

God who came in Jesus the word made flesh, you show us your forgiveness and grace and call us to be your people.

**God who comes as the Spirit to work in us and others,
be with us this morning that we might hear your word,
know your truth, and feel your blessing upon us, Amen.**

Hymn: 409 VU *Morning Has Broken*

Children's Time and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 316 VU *Praise Our Maker*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29 (756 VU)

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Anthem: *I Bind unto Myself Today* (Irish hymn melody)

Sermon "Born of the Spirit"

Selena Wang

Linda Darwish

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 509 VU *Here I Am Lord*

Confirmation and Profession of Faith (see back of bulletin)

Minute for Mission

Shaun Scott

Offering

Offering (191 MV What Can I Do?)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 501 VU *Break Now the Bread of Life*

Celebration of Holy Communion (see insert)

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

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (964 VU *Go Now In Peace*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Postlude

A warm welcome to everyone 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.

*This morning's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Olivia Adams, from her family.*

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 • 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 • Mark 2:23-3:6

Confirmation

(A Re-affirmation of our Baptismal Faith)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17)

In baptism, we are made members of the church of Jesus Christ and are adopted into the family and household of God. When those who have been baptized as children have grown up and been taught the essentials of Christian faith and duty they come before the church to own for themselves the covenant of baptism.

In confirmation, they confess Jesus Christ openly as Saviour and Lord, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and commissioned to serve in the world. Today, this comfirmand stands before us seeking to be confirmed as one of Christ's people.

Do you profess your faith in God your Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit your Teacher and Guide?
-I do.

Will you be faithful in joining with the Lord's people in the worship of God, in studying the Bible and in prayer?
-I will, God being my helper.

Will you enter into the life and work of the church, supporting it with your gifts, and sharing it's mission to all people?
- I will, God being my helper.

Will you endeavour daily to respond to God's love, to do God's will, and to fulfil your Christian calling and ministry in the world?
-I will, God being my helper.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer
Welcoming of New Member

This morning we welcome to the church through Confirmation *Emma Elizabeth Young* and through profession of faith *Carol Burley*. Please join us after church in the Hall for refreshments and to congratulate Emma and Carol.

Greeting at the door is Joan MacGillivray
Coffee Hosts are Diane Polson and Barb Gardiner

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tuesday May 28

10:00 am Hot Meal Program
3:00 pm Meditation Group in Meeting Room. For more information, call Fran @ 902- 863-3546

Thursday, May 30

10:00 am Hot Meal Program
7:00 pm Senior Choir. New Members welcome!

Congratulations to Ashley Hilling, graduating from Lakehead University with a Masters Degree in Social Justice, from her family.

The Dinner for UCW members and any ladies of the Congregation are invited to join with us on June 13 /24 at "JUSTMERE" 6 PM. You will be able to select your choices from the menu. Please call Joyce Hilling 902-870-9814 / or Diane Theuerkauf 902 -338-2338 by JUNE 5/24, to reserve your seat. We hope to see you there for delicious food and lots of social visiting and laughter.

June 1 is celebrated as the **Global Day of Parents** - observed every year to appreciate all parents for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship & In many people's success, the role of parents is the key.

Do you know someone from this year's High School graduating class connected to St. James? If so please forward their names to the office.

Visiting at St. Martha's. Just a reminder that because of policies at the hospital that patients or their families have to request visits from clergy. If you are in hospital and would like a visit from Rev. Peter call 902-863-2859 or tell one of the staff or chaplains at St. Martha's.

The Celebration of Holy Communion
for Trinity Sunday
May 26, 2024

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you God that through the ages you have called for women and men of faith to be your people.

You called to Abraham and Sarah to leave their home and found a great nation.

You called to Moses to free your people from slavery and Miriam to speak your word as you led them to the promised land.

You called to Jeremiah, Isaiah, and the other prophets to tell us of your law and condemn our sinful ways.

You called through Jesus for people to follow your Way. Peter, James, John and the other fishermen followed. Matthew, Mark and others also answered your call.

You called to Mary and Martha, Joanna and Mary Magdalene, and many others to be your disciples and they came with their gifts and talents.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

In every age and in every place you have called to men and women to follow your will and bear your truth to the world.

In every age you have shown your goodness and mercy through the women and men you call to be your people.

You continue to call, Gracious Lord. In this generation you have called us to be both disciples and apostles. You have called us to be both a beacon to the nations and servants in the world.

Today as your people we reaffirm our answer, before your table we dedicate our lives to you.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

For it is at this table Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his followers saying,

“This is my body which is given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”

This is where he also took the cup and shared it with his friends saying,

“This cup is the new covenant God has made with you in my blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup, remember me.”

Send, we pray, the Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup. That we might be refreshed and inspired through your gifts of life and salvation. That we might continue to learn as your disciples and continue to proclaim as your apostles, for we ask and answer in Jesus' name,

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Prayer after Communion (together)

We thank and praise you, Eternal God, that you have refreshed us at your table through your Holy Spirit. Fill us with hope, peace, and grace, that we might live and serve in Jesus' name, Amen

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UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

- Saturday, June 1** Save the Date! The Old Stump Frolic will happen rain or shine! See below for more information
- Wednesday, June 5** Save the date - The Social Justice Collective is hosting a free Lunch and Learn on June 5 at 11:30 am in the hall. We will hear from representatives of the VON and St Vincent de Paul. Lunch provided.
- Sunday, June 16** A Celebration of our Children's worship as that program finishes for the year.
- Sunday, June 23** St. David's begins services for the summer
St. James recognizes our High School Graduates

Broadview Magazine Subscriptions. If you are interested in renewing or subscribing to Broadview (which contains thoughtful articles on spirituality and the United Church) please contact Barb at the office before June 10th to take advantage of the group rate (\$30/year).

How can you help support the life and work at St. James? If you are worshiping in person there are the offering boxes at the doors for your donation. Envelopes can also be dropped off at the office (or in the mail slot after hours) or mailed to “St James United Church, P. O. Box 1178 Antigonish, NS B2G 2L6.” Online donations via credit card can be made by clicking on the “Donate” button at www.stjamesuc.com and interac e-transfers can be sent to eft@stjamesuc.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 2nd at 1:00pm at the Cape George Heritage Museum, 5758 Highway 337 for a celebration of the North Shore Development Association. 22 Year Celebration of the opening of the Cape George Point Day Park, Cape George Hiking Trails, Blue Fin Interpretive Center and the Cape George Heritage School Museum. Light refreshments will be served.