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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)*

June 16, 2024- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Seed Scattered and Down*

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)

We are young and old, tall and short.

We are all God's people.

We are happy and sad, confident and confused.

We are all God's people.

No matter who we are and what we feel we know

We are all God's people.

Prayer of Approach (together)

**God of small seeds and mighty plants,
you bless our words and actions and cause them
to transform and shape the world around us.**

**What starts as something small and unimportant
becomes something incredible and life changing.**

**Open our hearts, we pray, so we might know the promise and power
of your mercy and love through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Hymn: 1 MV *Let Us Build A House*

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 222 VU *Come Let us Sing*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 92 (p. 810)

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Anthem *It is Well with My Soul* (John Mess Beck)

Sermon "Like a Seed Planted in the Ground"

Carol Burley
Sheila Davison

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 161 MV *I Have Called You By Your Name*

Minute for Social Justice

Andrew Murray

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: 227 VU *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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 *Erhalt uns, Here, bei deinem Wort*

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.

Greeting at the Door are: Children and Youth of our Church

Coffee Hosts are: Linda MacDougall Penner and Ken Penner

*This morning's Bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and
in loving memory of James Davison and David Petrie
fathers of Fred and Sheila Davison.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, June 16

10:30 am

Today we give thanks for the children and youth who are part of our church and the leaders who have worked with them this year. A BBQ will follow the service and everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, June 18

10:00 am

Hot Meal Program

3:00 pm

Meditation Group in Parlour. For more information, call Fran @ 902- 863-3546

Thursday, June 20

10:00 am

Hot Meal Program

7:00 pm

Senior Choir. New Members welcome!

Saturday, June 22

9:00 am

St James' next Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up is happening! Anyone 16 years and older is invited to join in. We will meet at the parking lot in Nova Landing across from Cleve's Sports Store, near our intersection, Hwys 7 and 104 – Exit 32. All equipment provided. All you need is comfortable weather appropriate clothing, work gloves and waterproof footwear. Note ticks are active – plan to stay covered up! This should only take about two hours, beautifies our community and improves the environment. Treats and swag provided!

Please talk to Michèle Ashby after the service or call her at 232-3473, if you are able to assist and have not already indicated your interest. Thanks!

Your Social Justice Collective asks you to note that the 20th is **World Refugee Day**, which promotes empathy and understanding, fostering compassion and solidarity towards those forced to flee their homes. What can we do? Advocate for change. Urge governments and individuals to take action to support refugees and uphold their rights. This year's theme is "Finding Freedom: Family". The 21 st is **National Indigenous Peoples' Day** when we recognize and celebrate the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across

Canada. June is National Indigenous History Month – a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of those who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence impacts evolving Canada. The best way to gain a deeper understanding of their experiences is through their own voices. Enjoy Indigenous storytelling by picking up a book, attending a show, watching a movie or listening to music from Indigenous artists. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations will showcase First Nations, Inuit and Métis historic figures, leaders and cultures on social media with the hashtag #NIHM2024. Stay connected and share what resonates with you! Explore the past and honour the truth.

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, June 23

St. David's begins services for the summer
St. James recognizes our High School Graduates
Thompson Pipe Band Concert Celebrating the start of the highland games week ,at 2:30 in the Sanctuary. Admission is \$10.00 for adults
Children under 12 free.

Sunday, July 7

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday June 22

Wild Church- 2pm around steeple area of Bethany Centennial Garden.

Monday June 24

Canada Blood Services Blood Drive 3-5pm and 5-8 pm St. Ninian's Cathedral Parish.

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Job 38:1-11 • 2 Corinthians 6:3-13 • Mark 4:35-41

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time for us to learn about the unique cultures, experiences, and traditions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis As well as June there are other important dates that recognize and bring awareness to Indigenous people in Canada:

National Ribbon Skirt Day - January 4 This day originates with the story of Isabella Kulak, a member of Cote First Nation, who was shamed for wearing her handmade ribbon skirt to a formal wear day at her elementary school. Traditionally worn by First Nations and Métis peoples, ribbon skirts are a meaningful symbol of identity, resilience, and survival for Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people, and represents a direct connection to Mother Earth. Isabella's story shines a light on the enduring injustices, racism, and discrimination faced by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis in Canada every day, and on the importance of the role we all have to play in reconciliation.

National Indigenous Languages day - March 31 This is a day to celebrate and honour Indigenous languages in Canada. The decade from 2022 to 2032 is also the International Decade of Indigenous Languages to promote the use of Indigenous languages world-wide. Learn more about Indigenous Languages Day

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples (MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+) - May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples (MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+). This day is also known as Red Dress Day with respect to Jaime Black's REDress art installation which helped inspire the red dress movement. On May 5th, many people across North America hang red dresses in private and public spaces to remember those who are missing and murdered. Learn more about MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+ by reading the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Final Report. National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+ is a non-statutory holiday. Learn more about the REDress art installation

Orange Shirt Day/ National Day of Truth and Reconciliation September 30: Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad's experience at the St. Joseph's Mission residential school in the 1970s. The "orange

shirt" in Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that was given to Webstad by her grandmother for her first day of school. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has always reminded her of her experiences at residential school and, as she has said, "how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared."

Treaty Day October 1: In 1985, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the Treaty of 1752 was still strong and called upon Her Majesty to honour the Treaty and others made with the Mi'kmaw nation. In 1986, the then Grand Chief Donald Marshall Sr. proclaimed every October 1st as Treaty Day. It commemorates the key role of treaties in the relationship between the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq and the Crown. The annual ceremony reaffirms the historic presence of the Mi'kmaw who have occupied the land for thousands of years. The Mi'kmaq Nation and the crown also exchange gifts to mark each October 1st. By celebrating Treaty Day, we are giving thanks to the Mi'kmaw and the Crown for signing treaties of peace and friendship. People continue to gather in Halifax on October 1st to participate and enjoy various cultural events in celebration of Treaty Day. It is a reunion for many Mi'kmaq and a time for people to learn a part of Nova Scotia's 12,000 year-old history. Treaty Day – Mi'kmaw History Month (mikmaqhistorymonth.ca) Days of Significance | Office of Indigenous Relations (uwaterloo.ca)

National Indigenous Veterans Day November 8: This day is observed in recognition of Indigenous contributions to military service, particularly in the First World War, Second World War and the Korean War. It is estimated that more than 7,000 Indigenous people served in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War, and an unknown number of Inuit, Métis and other Indigenous people also served. Many Indigenous people also currently continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces in Canada and on operations around the world. They continue to uphold the proud legacy of service of past generations.

