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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 2, 2024- Third Sunday after Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Sky*

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's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
calling us by name.

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Gracious God, you have called us to be your own.
We long to respond to your call: openly, fully, and lovingly.
Hear our deepest desires and yearnings, we pray,
for we have come with open hearts to hear your word for our lives
and to sing out our praise and thanksgiving, Amen.**

Hymn: 28 MV *God of the Bible*

Children's Time

Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 583 VU *Jesus Came A Child Like Me*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 81:1-10 (Part 1 p.796)

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Anthem: *All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice*

Sermon "Jesus, the Sabbath, and Us"

Joan MacGillivray

Diane Theuerkauf

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 145 MV *Draw the Circle Wide*

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: 606 VU *In Christ There is No East or West*

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 we welcome to the church through the sacrament of Baptism *Marcus James Demers* and *Clara Charlotte Demers* children of Jennifer (Benoit) and Christian Demers.

Coffee Hosts are Sheryl Chapman and Claire MacDonell

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Psalm 1 (p. 724 VU) • 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 • John 17:20-25

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

Did you know that Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs was influenced by the Blackfoot (Siksika) world view?

Maslow and two colleagues lived with the Siksika in southern Alberta for six weeks in the summer of 1938. According to Blackfoot scholars, Maslow "intended to test the universality of his theory that social hierarchies are maintained by dominance of some people over others." However, he did not see the quest for dominance in Blackfoot society. Instead, he discovered astounding levels of cooperation, minimal inequality, restorative justice, full bellies, and high levels of life satisfaction.

However, Maslow did not completely integrate the Siksika world view into his theory; he omitted or misinterpreted a fair bit. For example, Maslow saw self-actualization as something to earn, while the Siksika see it as innate.

No one knows why Maslow did not acknowledge the Siksika's influence on his work, although he clearly held them in high regard. Some wonder if he feared being dismissed in academic circles by showing value to the Siksika way of life.

If you would like to learn more the Siksika influence on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, you can look at Dr. Cindy Blackstock or Ryan HeavyHead's work. "The Blackfoot Wisdom that Inspired Maslow's Hierarchy."

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2021-06-18/the-blackfoot-wisdom-that-inspired-maslows-hierarchy/>

Rev. Peter will be away from June 3-June 10th on Study Leave. If there are any pastoral emergencies during that time please contact the Rev. Meredith Marple (902-863-0452). Next Sunday we are pleased to have members of the Church Council leading our service of worship.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, June 2

11:30 am Outreach Committee in Parlour

Tuesday, June 4

10:00 am Hot Meal Program

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

Wednesday, June 5

11:30 am Save the date - The Social Justice Collective is hosting a free Lunch and Learn. We will hear from representatives of the VON and St Vincent de Paul. Lunch provided.

Thursday, June 6

10:00 am Hot Meal Program

7:00 pm Senior Choir. New Members welcome!

The Dinner for UCW members and any ladies of the Congregation are invited to join with us on June 13 /24 at "JUSTAMERE" **Note earlier time 5:00 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.

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.

St James UCW Bursary Interested applicants should submit a letter to St James United Church directly. The letter should indicate the applicant's connection to St James and their plans for the upcoming academic year (community college, university, etc.). Application

deadline is *June 16th*. Submit applications to office@stjamesuc.com or mailed to St. James Church, P.O. Box 1178 Antigonish NS B2G 2L6.

Yesterday was the final day of **Nova Scotia's Access Awareness Week**. Many events were held, but it is important to recognize that this is ongoing for the two in five Canadians who suffer some form of disability – visible or invisible. There are buttons and stickers for you at the entries to the church, and a list of accessibility related books, available at our library, is posted on the bulletin board. On 27 May our own Anne Camozzi was awarded the “Mel Hebb Encore Award” recognizing a person with a disability who has significantly contributed to the community! Today is the **United Church's Pride Sunday** – a significant day for our church. The entire month is Pride Month, so there will be more information to follow on this important topic. The 5th is **World Environment Day**, encouraging global awareness and action to protect the environment. This year's theme is "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration." And the 8th is **World Oceans Day**. The 2024 theme is "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing". Your Social Justice Collective encourages you to research all of these dates and do what you can to support their initiatives.

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, June 23

St. David's begins services for the summer
St. James recognizes our High School Graduates

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 Cape George Heritage Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday June 9th, from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM . Seafood Chowder and Bake Sale, North Shore Fire Hall, Marsh Road, Cape George Chowder, Biscuits, Rolls, dessert Tea or Coffee and goodies for sale at the Bake Table. Adults \$18.00 , Children under age of 12 years \$8.00. Take outs available! Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the North Shore Fire Department.

