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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 23, 2024- Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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)

What have we to fear?

In the midst of life's storms, God is with us.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

So what shall we do?

We will gather in faith knowing that we are loved and saved.

Prayer of Approach (together)

Loving God, speak to us as we gather in worship.

**Speak so that our fears may be confronted
and our faith strengthened.**

**Speak so we might know your love
and allow that love to guide and shape us.**

**Speak so that we can be your people
and boldly live as disciples of Jesus, Amen.**

Hymn: 232 VU *Joyful, Joyful*

Children's Time

Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 649 VU *Walk with Me*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107: 23-32 (Part 3 p 832)

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Anthem

Sermon "Navigating the Storms"

Vic Davie
Ben Polson

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 372 VU *Though I May Speak*

Recognition of Our Graduates

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: 675 VU *Will Your Anchor Hold*

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.

Greeting at the Door are: Diane and Billy Polson

Coffee Hosts are Joanne Clifton and Isabel Tate

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Lamentations 3:22-33 • 2 Corinthians 8:7-12 • Mark 5:21-43

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. Have you ever noticed in Voices United that 266 “How Great Thou Art” is also included in Cree, Ojibway, and Mohawk translations? Did you know that the Bible has just been completely translated into Mohawk and that more translations are underway? Being able to read the Bible, sing hymns, and worship in your own language is something that most of us take for granted but for First Nations seeking to reclaim their ancestral languages it can be precious. Language connects to culture, history, and brings communities together. Understanding and knowing a neighbour's language (even a few words) is a way to show interest in and support for the Mi'kmaw communities around us.

“Pjila'si” is a Mi'kmaw word loosely translated meaning “Welcome: Come in and sit down”

“Paqtnkek” means ‘by the Bay’ in Mi'kmaw. Which explains the name of Bayside Travel Centre.

Interested in learning a few words Mi'kmaw? Curious what “Pictou” means? Check out the “Links for Sunday, June 23rd” on our website for links to articles and pronunciation guides. .

Your Social Justice Collective invites you to mark the 26th , the **International Day in Support of Torture Victims**. We must all speak out against the crime of torture, and support victims and survivors throughout the world. Torture seeks to annihilate a victim's personality and denies the inherent dignity of human beings. Despite the absolute prohibition of torture under international law, torture persists in all regions of the world. “Torturers must never be allowed to get away with their crimes, and systems that enable torture should be dismantled or transformed.” – UN Secretary- General António Guterres

The morning we welcome to the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism *Theodore Perry Laureijs* child of Tessa (Lambourne) and Peter Laureijs. Standing with Theodore as godparents are Steven Laureijs and Collette MacKinnon.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Victoria Davie and Ben Polson and all who are graduating from High School this coming week. May God bless you in your future plans!

The Church office is closed for the summer. The church voice mail (902-863-2001) and email (office@stjamesuc.com) as well as the secure mail slot in the office door are being checked on a regular basis. The office will reopen Tuesday, September 3rd.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tuesday, June 25

11:00 am Summer Hot Meal begins
3:00 pm Last Meditation Group meets in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to come to a discussion about initial steps toward growing a relationship with our indigenous neighbours.

Friday, June 28

2:00 pm Memorial Service for Bonnie MacPhee

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, July 7

2:30 pm Thompson Pipe Band Concert Celebrating the start of the highland games week, July 7 at 2:30 in the Sanctuary. Admission is \$10.00 for adults Children under 12 free.

Wednesday, July 10

11:00 am Memorial Service for Hugh MacLeod.

Sunday, July 14

10:30 am Our Highland Service at St. James. (No service at St. David's this morning.)

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.

Traveling this summer? Going to be away from Antigonish on a Sunday? Feel welcome to take part in our online worship. The services are posted around 4:00pm Sunday and linked through our website (www.stjamesuc.com) and facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesAntigonish>)

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. Envelopes can 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 on the website and interac e-transfers can be sent to eft@stjamesuc.com

St James' Prayer Circle is a small group of folks who believe in the power of prayer. We are happy to pray for individuals and situations upon request. If you'd like to join us or if you would like to bring forward a prayer request, please speak to Michèle Ashby after church or call her at 232-3473. All matters are kept strictly confidential

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday June 24 Canada Blood Services Blood Drive 3-5pm and 5-8 pm St. Ninian's Cathedral Parish.

Monday, July 8th 7:00pm at Saint Ninian Cathedral TIGH DHE Featuring St. Ninian's Cathedral Choir, Celtic Ladies (Anne Holton, Jodie Alcorn, Brenna Conrad), Mary Beth Carty, John Pellerin, Heather MacIsaac, Grant School of Highland Dance. Artistic Director: Emery van de Wiel Admission by Donation Suggested Donation \$20

Heartland Tour Tuesday, July 9th 8 am check-in/registration at Skateboard Park on West Street. Biking/walking/skateboarding and Zumba. www.heartlandtour.ca

