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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 30, 2024- Sixth 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)

As flowers open their petals to receive the light and the rain,
let us open our lives to receive the warmth of God's love.
As the night gives way to the day when the dawn arrives,
let us let go of our fears and welcome the promise of salvation.
For God calls us into this place to experience the truth of grace.

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Eternal God, as we gather for worship,
we turn to you in faith,
seeking a sense of your presence;
we turn to you in gratitude,
remembering your goodness;
and we turn to you in gladness,
rejoicing in your love, Amen.**

Hymn: 288 VU *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 703 VU *In the Bull*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 30 (p.757 VU)

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:7-12

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon "Twelve Long Years"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 626 VU *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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: 664 VU *What a Friend We Have*

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 is Ellen Cross

Coffee Hosts are Marlene and Gerrit Groenenberg

July 1st is Canada Day! (Fête du Canada) Get out your flags, wear red & white, and celebrate our great country. It's the anniversary of Canadian Confederation which occurred in 1867 with the passing of the British North America Act when the three separate colonies of the United Canadas, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick became a single dominion within the British Empire. Happy 157th birthday Canada!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tuesday July 3

10:00 am Summer Hot Meal Program

Wednesday, July 10

11:00 am Memorial Service for Hugh MacLeod

Saturday, July 13

10:00 am Pancake and Sausage Brunch at St. James following the Highland Games Parade. We're still looking for volunteers as well as donations of muffins. If you can help Friday with set-up or Saturday either serving or clean up please contact Christine at christine@betterbodiesbymassage.ca or 902 714 9463.

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 we come to the end of the month let's take some time and consider what we can do to improve relations with our Indigenous neighbours? Among other things we can

- Follow Paqtnkek on Facebook for upcoming events.
- Get involved with X-Project.
- Go to a PowWow.
- Visit the Mi'kmawey Centre in Debert.
- Inform yourself by reading *We Were Not the Savages* by Daniel Paul and other books by indigenous authors. (Links are on the website.)

Please note that July 6th is the *International Day of Cooperatives*. This year cooperatives around the world celebrate the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All."; Through dialogue, democratic governance, and shared ownership, cooperatives set an example for peace and stability – bringing people from diverse backgrounds together on equal terms, and fostering mutual understanding and respect.

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, July 7

Thompson Pipe Band Concert Admission is \$10.00 for adults Children under 12 free.

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 2:1-5 • 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 • Mark 6:1-13