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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 9, 2024- Church Union Sunday

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* - Guitar Group

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 from Isaiah 43:19)

Hope Graham

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Here. Now. In the midst of daily life.

The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

Let our spirits rise in praise and celebration!

Prayer of Approach (responsive)

O God, where hearts are fearful and confined,

grant us boldness and daring;

where anxiety is infectious and widening,

grant us peace and reassurance;

where spirits are daunted and dimmed,

grant us soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

For we have gathered to be your people

and to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Hymn: 415 VU *God We Praise You For the Morning*

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

May MacKenzie

Hymn: 575 VU *I'm Gonna live So*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 (p. 724 VU)

Meditation: Deep Spirituality

Fred Davison

The New Creed (see back of Bulletin)

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Meditation: Bold Discipleship

Liz Millet

Anthem *Take Now My Voice* (Douglas Nolan)

Gospel: John 17:20-25

Christine Briand

Meditation: Daring Justice

Hymn: 402 VU *We Are One*

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Minute for Mission

Pamela Cunningham

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

Michèle Ashby

Hymn: 424 VU *May the God of Hope*

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 *I'll Fly Away* - Guitar Group

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.

Coffee Hosts are Joan and Sandy Wright

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 17:22-24 • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 • Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Peter is 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). **This Sunday** we are pleased to have members of the Church Council leading our service of worship.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tuesday June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

10:00 am United Church worship at the Maples
11:00 am United Church worship at the RK.

Thursday, June 13

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

The Finance and Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those who helped plan, worked at, donated to and attended the Olde Stump Frolic. Once again, thanks to all who contributed and worked that day.

The Social Justice Collective asks you to note that the 12th is the **World Day Against Child Labour**. Every year the International Labour Organization joins forces with ILO constituents and partners around the world to commemorate this day. It was only in 1929 that children in Canada under 14 were legally excluded from factory and mine employment in most provinces! What is Canada doing now to stop child labour? In 2021, the government of Canada pledged to conduct risk assessments of federal procurement supply chains. The aim is to identify goods that may have been made or produced through child labour, forced labour or human trafficking.

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 In the land acknowledgement in our bulletin each week (in the welcome at the start of the announcements) have you ever wondered what “unceded

territory” means? Unceded means that First Nations people never ceded or legally signed away their lands to the Crown or to Canada. A traditional territory is the geographic area identified by a First Nation as the land they and/or their ancestors traditionally occupied and used.

Land acknowledgements are statements that recognize the Indigenous peoples who have historically and currently inhabit the land. Land acknowledgements have value but can be problematic without a commitment to supporting Indigenous communities. They are sometimes seen as performative and an attempt to be politically correct without any real action behind them. (See website links for more information).

What is the LandBack Movement? Land Back aims to reestablish Indigenous political authority over territories that Indigenous tribes claim by treaty. Scholars from the Indigenous-run Yellowhead Institute at Toronto Metropolitan University describe it as a process of reclaiming Indigenous jurisdiction. Land Back advocates for Indigenous rights, preserves languages and traditions, and works toward food sovereignty, decent housing, and a clean environment.

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

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

Connections Newsletter deadline for submissions to the June edition is Tuesday, June 11th. Please submit anything that you might wish to contribute to office@stjamesuc.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, desert 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.