

Ephesians 1:3-12

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
1:4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

1:5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,
1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

1:8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

1:9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

The church office at St. James is closed for the summer. The voice mail (902-863-2001), email (office@stjamesuc.com) and mail slot are checked on a regular basis. The office will reopen Tuesday, Sept 3rd.

Nelson Mandela Day is celebrated 18 July. The Mandela Day campaign was introduced in 2009 as a tool for the world to honour him – interpreting his legacy by working to meet the needs of local communities. We urge you to identify those in need around you and do what you can to make a difference for them. It is still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity. #MandelaDay2024
#ItIsInYourHands

Coffee Hosts are Tim Hinds and Michèle Ashby, and Ken and Linda MacDougall Penner

Scriptures for Next Sunday

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



Highland Games Service
July 14, 2024



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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)*

July 14, 2024- Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Processional

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: (409 VU Morning Has Broken)

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

Call to Worship (responsive- from the Iona Community)

The God of heaven has made a home on earth

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Come now all who thirst

and drink from the water of life

Come all who hunger

and be filled with good things

Come all who seek

and be warmed by the fire of love.

Prayer of Approach (together- from the Iona Community)

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

We ask for your own names' sake. Amen.

Hymn: 42 MV *Praise God for This Holy Ground*

Children's Time

Hymn: 89 MV *Love is the Touch*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 82 (799 VU)

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-12

Carol Anne Mackenzie

(Vice President of the Antigonish Highland Society)

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Tyler Mackisoc

(President of the Antigonish Highland Society)

Anthem *Afton Water*

Sermon: "Two Sides of Judgement"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 79 MV *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Offering, Prayer, and Response (541 VU Praise God)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures high and low
give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word, and Spirit One*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 651 VU *Guide Me O Thou Great*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (410 VU This Day God Sends Me)

*This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.*

Recessional

Beannachd Dia dhuit (Blessings of God be with you.) 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.

A special welcome to the members of the Antigonish Highland Society who join with us to mark the 159th Antigonish Highland Games..

Special thanks to Carolyn Curry, Oakley MacLean, and Amy Hendricks for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning.