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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 21, 2024- Ninth 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)

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**This is the place where the prophets cry out
for peace and justice and righteousness.**

It is the place where God reaches down
**into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.**

Prayer of Approach (together)

**O God, make the door of this church wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,
but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough
to allow both child and senior to enter
but rugged and strong enough to provide shelter in the storm.
God make this place the gateway to your eternal kingdom, Amen.**

Hymn: 223 VU *Eternal Unchanging*

Children's Time

Hymn: 371 VU *Open My Eyes*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 (824 VU)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Anthem:

Sermon "The Shepherd Who Cares"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 273 VU *The King of Love*

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: 333 VU *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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.

Coffee Hosts are Glenna Quinn and Diane Theuerkauf

Scriptures for Next Sunday

2 Kings 4:42-44 • Ephesians 3:14-21 • John 6:1-21

Is your summer seeming long? Looking for something to do? Your Social Justice Collective encourages you to consider volunteering! There are dozens of opportunities in Antigonish at commendable organizations that could use your help. There's a good fit for everyone depending on your interests and abilities. Several worthy, front line poverty fighting charities are listed in St James' "Antigonish Gift Book". Why not challenge yourself and try something new?

Thanks to everyone who helped out at our Pancake Brunch during Highland Games Week. Many hands helped to make the event another success!

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.

Missed a Sunday at St. James and want to see the service? Our worship is available online and available through our website at www.stjamesuc.com. The most recent service is in the center of the page, the last month's services are on the left, and just below last month's services is a link to our youtube page where all the older services are archived.

Stewardship Thought for this Sunday

The person who gives to me teaches me to give.

-Danish Proverb