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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 7, 2024- Seventh 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)

We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary,  
**seeking unity in the Spirit.**

We come with regrets and worries,  
**seeking the grace of Christ.**

We come as people of faith.

*seeking the peace of God*

Prayer of Approach (together)

**We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship.**

**You welcome young and old and remind us we are all your children.**

**You welcome newcomers and long-time members  
and invite us to share in your kingdom.**

**You welcome us as your people,  
and call us to live and serve together in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Hymn: 352 VU *I Danced in the Morning*

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 340 VU *Jesus Friend of Little Children*

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 123 (847 VU)

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel: *Mark 6:1-12*

Anthem

Sermon "Sharing the Good News"

### GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 593 VU *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your 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: 595 VU *We Are Pilgrims*

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

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**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.

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

**Coffee Hosts** are Joan Poole and Beryl Duggan

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

Amos 7:7-15 • Ephesians 1:3-12 • Mark 6:14-29

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

**Sunday, July 7**

2:30 pm

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

**Tuesday July 9**

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](mailto:christine@betterbodiesbymassage.ca) or 902 714 9463.

**Sunday, July 14**

10:00 am

Highland Games Service at St. James. Feel free to wear your Highland best and join us for this special worship service!

Your Social Justice Collective asks you to mark **World Population Day** - celebrated annually on 11 July to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. Millions of women, globally, are still not given access to safe and effective family planning methods. Which is why it has been chosen as the focus for previous years. Family planning is a basic human right. It should also be a voluntary choice. Gender equality and women's empowerment depend on it. Furthermore, it is a key factor in reducing poverty. Canada's own population has just surpassed 41 million!