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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 28, 2024- Tenth 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)

Be still, and know that God is.

Before creation began, God was.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

From everlasting to everlasting,

God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

Let us sing praises to our God.

Prayer of Approach (together)

Glorious God, we come together as your people.

We come as a thankful people, remembering your goodness;

we come as a praying people, bringing our needs and our joys;

we come as a listening people, opening to your Word.

Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray,

for we have gathered in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: 574 VU *Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love*

Children's Time

Hymn: 501 VU *Break Now the Bread of Life*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 (824 VU)

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: Mark 6:34-44

Anthem

Sermon "The Miracle of Enough"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 266 VU *Amazing Grace*

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: 635 VU *All The Way My Saviour Leads Me*

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.

The Rev. Peter Smith will be on holidays from August 1 - August 26.

In the event of a pastoral emergency at that time please contact the Rev.

Heather Manuel at 902- 533-3737 from August 1-August 17. From

August 18-25 please contact the Rev. Meredith Fraser 902-301-6280.

Next Sunday we are please to have Michèle Ashby leading our service of worship.

Coffee Hosts are Judy McCarron and Ida Sarty

The congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Julie Ann (MacDonald) and Stephen Lucas DeCoste who were married yesterday in Malignant Cove. May God bless them as they begin this new part of their life together.

Traveling this summer? Going to be away from St. James on a Sunday? Feel welcome to take part in our online worship. The services from Sunday morning are posted around 4:00pm and linked through our website (www.stjamesuc.com) and facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesAntigonish>).

Today is World Hepatitis Day. This year's theme "Hepatitis Can't Wait" emphasizes the urgent need for increased access to testing, treatment, and prevention of this liver destroying disease. The 30th is the International Day of Friendship. This day highlights the significance of friendship in our lives and encourages us to value their connections, while providing an opportunity to express appreciation for friends, and nurture existing relationships.

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, September 3rd.

Stewardship Thought for this Sunday

"One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything seems to come simply by signing checks, you may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God."

C.S. Lewis