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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)

September 1, 2024- Fifteenth 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)

On this Labour Day weekend, we are thankful  
**for the opportunities to work and to earn our daily bread.**

On this Labour Day weekend, we are grateful  
**for everyone whose work touches our everyday lives.**

On this Labour Day weekend, we are thankful  
**for the promise of rest when our work is finished.**

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Generous Lord, guide our hearts with your love. Help us reach out to those in need, even when we are busy or tired. Show us how to tear down walls when we'd rather let them stand. Move us to where you need us to be in life especially when we are unsure and afraid. Let the world know we are your disciples not because our hands are clean, but because they are marked by the works of your love, Amen.**

Hymn: 293 VU *We Praise You Creator*

Children's Time

Hymn: 570 VU *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15 (p. 736 VU)

First Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Epistle: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Anthem

Sermon "Well Done"

### GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 602 VU *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

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: 227 VU *For The Fruit Of All Creation*

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 autumn issue of Connections** is in need of articles. Because this is the time of year when people are returning from vacations and summer events, I'm pretty sure that many of you have things to share. Would you consider putting your thoughts into words and emailing them to Brenda Rose at [brendaannerose@gmail.com](mailto:brendaannerose@gmail.com) If you don't have access to a computer, drop your typed or hand-written articles off at the church office and Brenda will type them out for you. The deadline for submissions is Saturday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

### **Sunday, September 1**

9:00 am Last summer service at St. David's  
10:30 am Service at St. James

### **Tuesday, September 3**

9:00 am Church Office reopens  
11:00 am Summer Hot Meal finishes

### **Thursday, September 5**

7:00 pm Choir practise resumes.

## **UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES**

### **Sunday, September 8**

10:30 am Children's Worship program resumes

### **Tuesday, September 10**

11:00 am Community Hot Meal Program

### **Wednesday, September 11**

11:00 am United Church Worship at RK MacDonald  
Nursing Home

### **Thursday, September 12**

10:00 am United Church worship at the Maples  
11:00 am Community Hot Meal Program

**Your Social Justice Collective** invites you to do something kind for someone else on 5 September – the International Day of Charity. The United Nations established this day to raise awareness and encourage individuals, NGOs, and stakeholders around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities. “Its not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” ~ Mother Teresa

### **Scripture for Next Sunday**

Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37