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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)*

November 10, 2024- Remembrance Sunday

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Calm as the Night* (Karl Bohm) feat. Carter Todd

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: (806 VU O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

***Our God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
 our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.***

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to remember.

We gather surrounded by the stories of those who served our land.

We gather in faith and hope.

We gather as followers of the Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Prayer of Approach (together)

God of all peoples, there is much we would like to forget.

Behind us are times of violence and war

and around us are times of uncertainty and fear.

Some days we want to pretend that everything is fine.

Yet we know that to be your people in this world we must see the

reality of what has gone on and what is happening now.

Open our eyes and our hearts as we remember those who served and

those who continue to serve, lifting them up in Jesus' name, Amen.

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 527 VU *God As With Silent Hearts*

GOD IS WITH US AS WE REMEMBER

"O Canada"

The Last Post and Silence

Carter Todd

Lament

Scott Williams

Rouse

Placing of the Wreath

Captain Tim Hinds (Retd)

Prayer for Remembrance (together)

**Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered
 from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
 may that same peace calm our fears
 and bring about harmony among the nations,
 for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.**

Hymn: 679 VU *Let There Be Light*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91 (p.807)

First Lesson: Micah 4:1-4

Selena Wang

Second Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:14-17

Liz Millett

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

Anthem: *In Memoriam*

(Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler)

Sermon "Remembering Peace"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 718 VU *O God, You Gave Your Servant*

Offering, Prayer, and Refrain (537 VU *Your Work, O God*)

***Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere
 and some there are who cannot serve, unless our gifts we share.
 Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make;
 Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 686 VU *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (806 VU O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

***O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.***

Postlude

Scripture for Next Sunday

Daniel 12:1-3 • Hebrews 10:18-25 • Mark 13:1-8

One story in Remembrance Week

On the base of one of the 2048 burial markers in the military cemetery located in Bény-sur-Mer, France, these familiar words from the Apostle Paul may be found. “And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor. 13:13).

They are etched on the gravestone of Honourary Captain, the Rev. William Alfred Seaman, a United Church minister, who is buried beside some of the fallen soldiers whom he himself buried.

Padre Seaman left his congregation in River John, Pictou County, Nova Scotia to serve with the Canadian Chaplain Service during World War II. He and the soldiers of the 5th Field Regiment arrived in France just after D-Day in 1944.

As a chaplain, he could often be found working alongside the Medical Officer at the Regimental Aid Post, assisting stretcher bearers and bandaging wounds—those both seen and unseen—and above all, bringing a sign of God’s presence in a broken world.

On July 14 while rushing into battle to retrieve wounded soldiers during the Battle of Caen, he was struck by an exploding mortar shell. The shrapnel pierced his leg, side, and head. He died of an infection a week later, on the date of the tenth anniversary of his marriage to Louise. Together they had two young children at the time, Lorna and Andrew.

This year, as Canadians remember the sacrifices made by so many on the shores of France 80 years ago, we remember Padre William Alfred Seaman, whose response to Jesus' call to "Follow me," led him to a distant shore, and who lies now at rest among those whom he served to the very end. His gravestone reminds us still of God’s enduring presence and promise of a life which abides, even in the valley of the shadow of death.

—By Canadian Armed Forces chaplains Commander Shaun Yaskiw, CD (The United Church of Canada) and Maj. Rev. Dr. Tom Hamilton, Canadian military historian (The Presbyterian Church in Canada)

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.

This Bulletin this morning is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Hinds, Ashby, Morton and Jones Veterans

The prayers and Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of *Pearl Jordan* who died earlier this week. Pearl's funeral will be Wednesday, November 13th at 11:00 am here at St. James with visitation 2:30-6:30pm at CL Curry Funeral Home.. Please keep her children, grandchildren, brother, and all of the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Coffee Hosts this morning are Linda and Ken Penner

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. It is not a glorification of war, it is a time to honour those who fought, and in some cases, gave their lives, to serve our country and preserve freedom for the rest of us. In addition to our service here today, the main Antigonish service will be held at 10:45 am at Columbus Field. The 16th is the **International Day of Tolerance.** Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. Tolerance means that you accept other people's opinions and preferences, even when they live in a way that you don't agree with.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, November 10

10:30am This Sunday we welcome members of Arras Branch 59 of the Royal Canadian Legion and from the wider community to our service of worship.

Tuesday, November 12

11:00 am Community Hot Meal Program
3:00 pm Meditation Group in the Parlour. Contact Fran for more information 902 870-1198.
4:00 pm Finance and Stewardship in the Meeting Room.

Wednesday, November 13

11:00 am United Church worship at the RK MacDonald Nursing Home

Thursday, November 14

11:00 am Community Hot Meal Program
11:00 am United Church worship at the Maples.
7:00 pm Choir practice

Saturday, November 16

12-2:00 pm Holly Tea and Sale (more information below).

The Holly Tea & Sale is this Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. We are still accepting donations this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the mornings from 9-11 a.m for New to You, Silent Auction and the Christmas Room.

Bakers and homesteaders, if you have fudge, or baked goods, or preserves we would be grateful for your donations on Friday until 11 a.m or Saturday morning until 10 a.m. Don't forget we need trays of uncut squares for the tea tables. ****IMPORTANT**** Be sure to include the name and ingredient list for any baked goods in the case of allergies.

If you are not working at the event, we hope you will still come to enjoy the delicious tea luncheon and shop at our tables. It is a great day to bask in the warm fellowship of friends and neighbours

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

St James initiated an Indigenous themed Day Trip in late October.

One segment had to be rescheduled for Nov 22nd. This opens it up to a wider audience since the event is here in Antigonish. We will welcome Elder Gerald Gloade on Friday, November 22nd at 1pm at the Antigonish Heritage Museum. He speaks of the unique narrative of Mi'kmawey Debert findings and efforts to build a cultural centre in Debert. The talk will range from geology, archeology, history and spirituality. Capacity is 35, so let Fran know if you can attend. 902 863 3546.

