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Sharon St. John Pastoral Charge
October 18, 2015 – 21st Sunday of Pentecost
“Servant of All”

Ministers: The Whole People of God

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Words of Reflection:

Holy One, so many times we find ourselves being self-centered asking for what we want. In our seeking, may we ask what is wanted of us? As we do, may we remember the life and community of Jesus, we are reminded of his desire for us to extend beyond the self and to be in humble service to others. Amen.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT MV # 18 *“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Holy Mystery, as we serve each other, our minds are filled with questions. In faith we cry out to be heard.

P: **In service, our bodies and souls can become weary. In faith we cry out for the Spirit’s healing touch.**

One: In spite of our self centeredness, our hearts wrestle with what Jesus meant when he said that in order to be truly great one must live in humble service to others.

All: **Let us worship the God who invites us to discern the truth in service.**

HYMN VU # 415 *“God, We Praise You for the Morning”*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER:

Source of all things, God of all knowledge, how can we possibly come before your glory? We cannot even comprehend the marvels of the earth, yet we are bold to come into this time of worship. God, you spoke to Job, answering his questions about what it means to serve. Speak to us, tell us how, through faithful service to one another, we are to worship you. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

“And What Can I Do For You?”

HYMN VU # 361

"Small Things Count"

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrew Scriptures: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Mark Cameron

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Jim

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Do Lord"*

MESSAGE: "Servant of All"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LIVING WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Catherine Stone

OFFERING AND DEDICATION:

DOXOLOGY: *VU # 541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Holy One, we give thanks that through the Spirit we have been made servants in the world. Receive these gifts, O gracious One. May the Spirit multiply these offerings, and use us as the hands of Jesus doing humble service to all. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

West River Pastoral Charge

Jean, Mae, Lana, Will, Irene, David, Mary, John, Shirley, Doris, Alice, Ruth, Helen, Mary, Catherine, Donna, Kent, Gerald, Jean, Violet, Lenny, Claire

HYMN MV # 27

"Creator God You Gave Us Life"

Creator God, you gave us life, your image in our souls,
Yet through the midst of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

*Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.*

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity.

*Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.*

When with our hearts, our hands, our minds, we share our gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God.

Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:

One: As we leave this place of worship, may our greatness always be found in faithfulness, our honour in humble service, and the love of the Holy One secured in our hearts.

All: **We will go, walking with joy as we serve.**

One: And now, may...

MUSIC TO TAKE US TO THE WORLD:

MV # 185: Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving, God, you've been so good to me.

Ev'ry day you're blessing me.

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving. I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving, God, you've been so ...

You keep blessing me, blessing me.

You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.

And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.

I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving, God, you've been so ...

Worship resources taken from:

Lavon Baylor. Led By Love, 1996, Pp.148.

Seasons of the Spirit, Pentecost 2, 2003, 2006, 2009

MEMORIALS

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Vivian Thompson a donation has been made to the Furnace Fund by:

Pierre Smith and Sandra Smith

Murielle Hughes

Audrey Gordon

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean MacLean a donation has been made to the General Fund by her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Elder on duty this week: **Cleve Canning**
October 25: Reg Conrod

Your Greeter for today is: **Gale Canning**

Envelope Counters for today are: **Gordon Russell** and **Olive Corning**
October 25: Gordon Russell, Myrna MacLeod and Ralph Arbuckle

THIS WEEK AT SSJ

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| Sunday | Board of Stewards Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| Monday | Election Day | |
| Monday | Ladies' Crafts | 7:00 PM |
| Monday | Noteworthy | 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday | Session Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday | Choir Practice | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday | Betty's Bible Study | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday | FALL FAIR | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 25 | Anniversary Service |
| November 1 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| November 8 | Church Remembrance Service |
| November 8 | Outreach Service at Glen Haven Manor |
| November 15 | Service with Masons followed by Luncheon compliments of the Masons |
| November 29 | First Sunday of Advent |
| November 29 | Sing Joy Concert |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Service |

SSJ NEWS

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book at the entrance to the sanctuary. If you are looking for a church home, please see me, or any member of the congregation and we will endeavour to make you welcome as an honoured member of our church family. May each of us sense the presence of God as we worship today.

With regret, we announce the resignation of **Nick Roy** from the Joint Search Committee.

If you know of anyone who would like or who requires a pastoral visit, please let the minister, Rev. Dr. Jim Shaffner know. He can be reached through the church office 752-4943.

The next **Fundscrip** order will be put in on Sunday, November 1st. You can bring in your orders every Sunday including **November 1st** or drop them off at the office. If you have any questions, please see Guy.

A **Celebration of the Life of Camp MacLennan** will take place at the Camp on **October 25, 2015**. 1-5 PM with closing worship at 3 PM.

The Pictou Presbytery is selling **Just Us Breaking the Silence coffee**. 2 lb for \$25, 12 oz for \$11 and decaffe 2 lb for \$30. Proceeds to the M&S fund. If interested contact Marie MacLeod @ 902-752-9235.



There are only six days to the **FALL FAIR** next Saturday. Donations for the following tables are needed:

- Pantry Table (see below)
- Candy, Fudge, Snack Table
- Jewelry
- Crafts- knitting, crochet, etc.
- New-To-You
- Cake Walk- sign-up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs
(Please mark that the cake is for the cake walk and not the pantry table.)

Items can be brought to the gym Thursday or Friday morning from 9 AM-12 PM, Friday evening from 6-9 PM or early Saturday morning.

Esther-Ruth members are reminded to bring in before Friday evening items for the preserves basket.

Sunday School students can bring in their DECORATED PUMPKINS and place them on the stage Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Pantry Table:

- People who bake large cakes for the pantry table are asked to please price it themselves - fruit cakes, pound cakes, carrot cakes, etc.
- Bread, rolls, biscuits, loaves and cinnamon rolls are always very popular items.
- Plain cookies are popular – chocolate chip, molasses, oatmeal/rolled oat, scotch cookies, peanut butter, and sugar cookies.
- Also squares of **any kind**, particularly date squares, brownies and marshmallow squares.

We look forward to seeing everyone Saturday morning at 11 AM, there will be lots of eating, buying and chatting! ☺