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WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to
worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day
June 5th 2016 Pentecost 3

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to those who seek him.*

*Hymn: I'll praise my Maker

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Prayer of Confession: *Great and awesome God. You never waver in your compassion and commitment, never give up on those who love you and do what you say. **Yet we have sinned in every way imaginable. We've done evil things, rebelled, dodged and taken detours around your clearly marked paths. Compassion is our only hope, the compassion of you, our God, since in our rebellion we've forfeited our rights. God, you are our God, you deliver your people from the land of slavery to sin. We confess that we have sinned, that we have lived lives contrary to your love. Restore to us now the joy of our salvation.***

Assurance: *Jesus, you are all compassion, pure unbounded love you are. In your name we find pardon, we know peace.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading:

1 Kings 17:8-24

One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 146** *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I*

live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the

God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who

keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the

LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD

watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the

widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: Praise him, praise him **372**

Community Conversation

From the letters: **Galatians 1: 11-24**

Gospel: **Luke 7:11-17**

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Hymn: Great is thy Faithfulness **324**

Sermon: **COMPASSION**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling **371**

*Benediction:

*Choral amen

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

If anyone is aware of a young person graduating from high school, university, or college please share the information with Valerie Macdonald or any of the elders. We will be honouring our graduates on Communion Sunday June 12.

THIS WEEK - (June 5-12)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session meeting at 411 West Petpeswick Rd.
Thursday	7:30 pm	- choir practice
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am	- Early service
	10:00 am	- Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Communion Service
		Graduation service
		Food Bank Sunday

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, June 5th @ 7 p.m. in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts.

1 Kings 17:8-24 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The

jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Galatians 1:11-24 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more

zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

Luke 7:11-17 Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.



PASTORAL CARE

We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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MISSION MOMENTS Did you ever wonder how decisions are made in The Presbyterian Church in Canada? Every year, commissioners – ministers and elders – from across Canada gather together for General Assembly to discuss, debate and vote on matters that affect the denomination. These include issues like mission and ministry plans, pension and benefits, healing and reconciliation and the budget. Commissioners have the opportunity to worship together, hear guest speakers, meet national office staff, renew friendships, make new friends, and enjoy the hospitality of the host presbytery. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support General Assembly. Pray for those attending this year's gathering, June 3-6, at York University.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for wise decisions to be made by commissioners to this year's Assembly.

STEWARDSHIP A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but less willing to give God the cash. *Anonymous*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Davida Mackay. Refreshment Host is Phyllis Morrison