

Minister's Message



Pictured here is my younger would-be-captain, sitting at the helm of the Coast Guard ship "Captain Molly Kool".

This past week, my family and I took the opportunity to go to an event put on by the Coast Guard, with little stations doing crafts, demonstrations, and even tours of a helicopter and an icebreaker. It was a treat to get to see the insides of these ships, because even though I can see ships down at the harbour any time, it's rare to get to see the inside of one.

One unexpected thing for me was how strange it felt to be on Southside Drive on the other side of the St. John's harbour. Cabot tower was close, but I was seeing it from a strange angle. The cruise ships were there, but I could see the opposite side from usual. I am used to seeing downtown from the harbour or

from up on Signal hill, but I have only rarely gone over to the Coast Guard or to Fort Amherst, so I was somewhat mesmerized by the new perspective I was getting.

*"8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast." (Psalm 139)*

I am reminded of the breadth of the world that God has created. Sometimes, the most refreshing thing in the world can be shaking things up with a new experience or a new perspective. Whether it be going for a hike on a trail you've never seen before, or driving to a lookout you've not been to in ages, in this province we can always experience God's creation in new ways. We can try a new hobby, we can take a new class, we can visit a new cafe. In this world God has placed us in, you don't need to look far to find something you've never seen before.

So may you take hold of the new life that God offers, and may you enjoy something new to you this week. A new perspective, a new cuisine, a new friend, a new project, a new outlook. For no matter what new things come to you, know that you can rest secure in the care of a God whose love will hold you fast forever. What Good News that is!

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