

Saint James United Church

June 11th 2017 – Trinity Sunday

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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you will feel at home here at Saint James and that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship. After the service please introduce yourself to Rev. Debra,, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit VU#401 – Worship the Lord (vs.1)

Welcome

Question to Ponder Which of the following images of the Trinity speaks to you: Father, Son & Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer & Sustainer; Mother, Friend & Comforter; Source of Life, Living Word & Bond of Love; God, Christ & Spirit?

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 11 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

June 13 Games 1:00 p.m.

June 14 Study Group "The Trinity" 10:00 a.m.

June 18 Morning Worship at Jellystone 10:30 a.m.
Father's Day
Sunday School Closing
Congregational Picnic to follow

Everyone Welcome . Come and bring the family for a Pot Luck Lunch, Hot Dogs provided. Bring your favourite summertime dish, knives, forks, spoons, plates and beverages.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT: A few of our congregation members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the church. We have tried to maintain a Scent Free Environment within Saint James United Church. We would like to remind everyone to please consider this request and refrain from wearing perfumes.

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel."

The bulletin today is dedicated in appreciation for Rev. Debra and those who have guided us throughout the years by Phyllis Robinson.

GRADUATES

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| Anderson, Kyra | daughter of Ryan Anderson and Andrea Seely |
| Knox, Jeffrey | son of Doug and Gail Knox |
| O’Leary, Jessica | daughter of Derrick and Debbie O’Leary |
| Palmer, Hunter | son of Scott & Angela Palmer |
| Parker, Madison | daughter of Andrew & Carla Parker |
| Sharpe, Hannah | daughter of Barry & Heather Sharpe |
| Young, Kyley | daughter of Blair & Angela Young |

DONATIONS

The flowers under the church sign have been supplied and planted by Beth Christie in appreciation of the congregations kindness to the family at the time of Bill and Judy’s deaths.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Church in loving memory of Mom, Lorna Cluff, by Blair and Angela Young.

Call to Worship

We have come to worship God, whose spirit moved over the waters of creation and brought forth our world.

God is great!

We have come to worship God, who came to earth in Jesus as a tiny baby and died on a cross, and rose again.

God is great!

We have come to worship God, who is close to us and loves us like a mother and a father.

God is great!

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Prayer of Opening

Creator, you have made us and all living things – birds and animals, grass and trees, the crow and the bear, the mighty cedar and sweet grass. You created us, in your image, and you blessed us as caretakers of the earth. Help us to remember our special relationship with you and with all creation. All my relations. Amen.

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Hymn

VU#248 – When Long before Time

Story Time

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, we hear your voice, calling us to go to people of all nations and make them your disciples.

(*Green Street side section*) **Do we have to?**

(*Green Street centre section*) **I’m tired.**

(*Chapel Street centre section*) **Oooh, they’re different.**

(*Chapel Street side section*) **I’ve done my part; let someone else do it for a change.**

(*Balcony*)

(*Choir*)

**We’ve never done it that way before.
Sure doesn’t sound very cool to me.**

God, forgive us all the excuses we make. Help us to respond as real disciples, and to share the good news of your love with others. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: the same Jesus who calls us to be disciples has also promised to be with us forever, even until the end of the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Presentation of Bibles to Graduates

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem Give Thanks to the Lord

Scripture Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8, VU p.732
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Message

Music for reflection

Hymn VU#277 – God Is Unique and One *(tune:#213)*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering Glorify Thy Name

Offertory *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.*

Offertory prayer

It is humbling to bring a gift to you, gracious God, aware as we are of how you have created all things, and given us all that we have. Yet in returning a portion to your church, we recognize that united we are greater than when we are individuals, and our gifts – shared together – can do good work. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Closing Hymn MV#176 – Three Things I Promise *(tune:VU#292)*

Blessing and Sending Forth

May the Sending One sing in you,
May the Seeking One walk with you,
May the Greeting One stand by you,
in your gladness and in your grieving.

May the Gifted One relieve you,
May the Given One retrieve you,
May the Giving One receive you,
in your falling and your restoring.

May the Binding One unite you,
May the One Belov'd invite you,
May the Loving One delight you,
Three-in-One, joy in life unending.
Amen.

Choral Postlude VU#963 – May the Grace of Christ

Postlude

Minutes for Mission

The Healing Fund Is Changing Lives

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of healing and reconciliation. Let us hear a story of how The Healing Fund is changing lives.

The Liqwiltach Elders' and Youth Culture Group hosts events and learning experiences in the Campbell River area of British Columbia.

Led by volunteer June Johnson, the group connects residential school survivors with local Indigenous youth to provide learning experiences that revitalize culture and language.

These experiences also provide a space for youth from different communities to share their oral histories and traditions, which are once again being passed down from generation to generation.

One of the learning experiences uses button blankets. As the group grows and travels to different communities, it needs financial support to make new blankets and masks. The blankets are adorned with unique family crests. Each mask signifies a particular dance. A mask dancer teaches the youth the dance and mentors them through the dance process.

These events, acknowledged by The Healing Fund Council and supported through your gifts for Mission & Service, help people reconcile the residential school experience and restore Indigenous languages and cultures in Indigenous communities.

A Liqwiltach Elder noted, "I am happy that our children are learning the culture, and you see the pride they have to show off their dances. It gives them the sense of belonging, of who they are and where they come from."

We sing thanksgiving for the gifts of The Healing Fund.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

²¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Scripture Readings for Sunday, June 18, 2017

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO FILL OUT SURVEY, They are to be returned by June 23rd. If you do not have a copy, please check on the table outside the office. **Please take the time to fill out this survey and encourage everyone to do also. This is to help our church move forward.**

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

This support group will be starting to meet at Saint James the 3rd Monday of each month, the first meeting being June 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All those who are care givers may like to mark this on your calendars. Update information will be shared.

LENTEN CHALLENGE During Lent as a congregation let's pledge to walk to Jerusalem from Saint James. That's 8942 Km. We have a lot of walkers here all we need to do is keep track of our km. and report in once a week during lent. A tally sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board. The person with the most km. will receive a special prize. **TRAVEL LOG** The week of June 4th - 950 Km.

We have gone 7740.2 Km and have reached dry land. **With the enthusiasm we have decided to continue this journey until we get there. Keep Walking.**

COFFEE HOUR This year we will be serving coffee and tea after church and if you wish to bring a snack to share, please feel free to do so. We still need volunteers for setup and cleanup. Thank you.

UPPER ROOMS FOR JULY AND AUGUST have arrived and located at the back of the church. (Cost 3.00.)

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND We have a new Youth Development Fund which donations would be greatly appreciated.

CAMP GRAMMIE July 16,17, 18th See bulletin board - brochures.

WITH SUMMER FAST APPROACHING I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE Our Congregation's PAR Program

Prayerfully decide what you will give each year, and divide that amount by 12. Fill out the authorization form, and attach a cheque marked "VOID." and place on the offering plate, give to our designated PAR contact person, or leave at the church office. Forms are available at the church office.

The amount will be transferred from your account to our congregation's account on the 20th of each month. You can modify or cancel your donation, change how it is designated, or change your information at any time.

Making an offering is an important part of our worship time together. We will give you PAR cards to place on the offering plate as a symbol of your gift.

Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing our congregation a dependable flow of contributions, which increases our overall financial stability. Why not participate in PAR?

Your regular giving supports the local ministry of our congregation.

Your giving for Mission and Service helps people overcome poverty, helps train new ministers, equips leaders, sends chaplains into communities, and sends mission personnel to serve M&S partners around the world.

You give support to Aboriginal ministries and remote congregations. In Canada and around the world, your Mission and Service gifts support vibrant and vital ministries for the healing of the world.

**If you would like more information,
please contact the Church Office.**