

## **Saint James United Church**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

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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 Board Room.*

### **WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Introit** VU#412 – This Is the Day (vs.1)

**Welcome**

**Question to ponder:** Have you ever had a vision or dream where you felt God was speaking to you?

**Call to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship.

**Now is the time to spring forth in faith.**

Give thanks to our God.

**Sing of God's praise and glory.**

Seek the Lord.

**Rejoice in God's presence.**

Come, now is the time to worship.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 13 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Opening for Fall

**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."*

<sup>9</sup>He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, “Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” <sup>10</sup>But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, “What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?” <sup>11</sup>So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. <sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” <sup>16</sup>“I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me please, where they are pasturing the flock.” <sup>17</sup>The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” – that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

### *Prayer of Opening*

**Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Amidst life’s storms and raging waters, be with us in our time of need. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys. Amen.**

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### *Hymn*

VU#509 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

### *Prayer of Confession*

**Faithful One, reach out to us with your grace and mercy. Forgive us when we sink into sin, and when we too easily accept our shortcomings. Forgive us when we do not venture forth when you call us forward in faith. As we call upon your holy name, reclaim us with your mercy and grace, that we may be your children – forgiven, renewed, and emboldened in the greatness of your living faith.**

*(time for silent prayer)*

### *Words of Forgiveness*

Take heart! Christ is with us, and holds our lives with mercy and grace.

**In Christ’s love, we are forgiven indeed. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD  
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### *Anthem*

### *Scripture*

Genesis 37:1-28

Psalms 105, VU p.828-9, Parts One and Two

Matthew 14:22-33

*Message*

*Music for Reflection*

*Hymn* VU#657 – He Leadeth Me

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

*Presentation of the Offering*

*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*

**Gracious God, your gifts are indeed great, your works a wonder to behold. We thank you for the gift of your amazing grace, as we return a portion of these gifts to you. Bless these gifts, that our giving may become a beautiful message of your love and grace. In Christ's glorious name, we pray. Amen.**

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*Minute for Mission*

*Announcements*

*Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn* VU#652 – Be Still My Soul

*Blessing and Sending Forth*

God blesses us with strength for the journey.

**Our hearts sing God's praises.**

Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.

**Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.**

The Spirit guides us forth with dreams full of hope and promise.

**Our lives rest secure in the One who is faithful.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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*Choral Amen* VU#967 – Amen

*Postlude*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

***Genesis 37:1-28***

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

<sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh. And his brothers agreed.

<sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

***Matthew 14:22-33***

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

***Scriptures for Sunday, August 20, 2017:***

Genesis 45:1-15; Ps 133; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LOVE CHILDREN? LOVE GOD?**

**WANTED:** *Men or Women interested in being  
Sunday School Teachers*

*Nursery Workers*

*Classes Ages 5 - 7 yrs.  
8 - 12 yrs.*

*At the most you need to prepare for 11 Sundays in 2017 –  
Whole People of God Curriculum is being used.  
Lessons, crafts etc. suggested and explained for you.*

*With Fall fast approaching we are looking  
at a few of our Annual Events.*

*Pie Making, Yard Sale, Regular Programs,  
Fall Supper*

*We are currently looking for a coordinator for our  
Pie Making Project. We have started to purchase  
our supplies and more information will be coming.*

### **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP**

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of  
each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on  
August 21<sup>st</sup>. All those who are care givers may like to mark this on  
your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm meetings  
over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.*

**COFFEE HOUR** *We serve 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 are  
located at the back of the church. (Cost 3.00.)*

### **SUIMMER CONCERTS to Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of St. Gertrude's Parish, Woodstock, NB**

You are invited to attend the noon hour concerts to be held at St.  
Gertrude's Church, 111 Union Street, Woodstock, NB in celebration  
of the 175th anniversary of the parish. The concerts feature local and  
parish musicians and singers.

**All concerts with one exception, will begin at 12:05 pm and  
conclude at 12:45 pm.**

**The scheduled performers are:**

**Wednesday, August 16—Alie Ross** (vocal)

**TBA---The Goodine Family** (vocal, instrumental)

**The Bahar Children** (instrumental)

Come and enjoy these concerts during your noon hour this summer.

### **COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!**

*We've made it to Jerusalem and have toured  
around the city. Now it's time to head for home. If  
we start walking now, we can plan to be in  
Woodstock for Christmas. That is 8401 km.  
Sheet is back on the Bulletin Board to record  
This week we have travelled 245 Kms. Let's Go!!  
Keep Walking.*