

Saint James United Church

June 25^h, 2017 Third 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#401 – Worship the Lord (vs.1)

Welcome

Question to Ponder *Can you think of a time when you felt that God heard your desperate cries.*

Call to Worship

Our God is great – greater than all other gods!

There is nothing that can compare to our God.

All the nations that God has made come and offer praise.

They glorify God's name, because it is awesome.

God works wonders; and so we say with joy:

You are God. Just you.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 25 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
- June 25,26,27 Games Retreat at Youth Camp
- July 2,9,16 Morning Worship at St. Paul's Presbyterian 10:30 a.m.
- July 16,17,18 Camp Grammie Ages 6-12 (See Joan)
Brochures on Bulletin Board. Reply by June 30th.
- July 17 Alzheimer Support Group 6:00 p.m.
- July 23 Morning Worship returns to Saint James 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 11th 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."

SUMMER SERVICES We will be at:

- July 2nd, July 9th, and July 16th** **St Paul's Presbyterian**
- July 23rd.** **Back at St. James** **Everyone have a great summer!!**
- September 11th** **Sunday School Opening for Fall**

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

DONATION

*A donation has been made to the Youth Development Fund
in loving memory of Starr Morin
by Robert and Marion MacFarlane.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving
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Prayer of Opening

Loving God, it is with joy that we come into your presence this day. You care for us – even as you care for the sparrows and the flowers, and all the things upon the Earth. Help us to respond to your boundless love with everlasting joy. Amen.

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Hymn

VU#260 – God Who Gives to Life its Goodness

Story Time

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

We find ourselves in a strange dilemma, O God: your grace is so wonderful, there is always the temptation to sin ever more, that we might receive more and more of your grace. Yet when we think about it, we know that to be silly, and simply a way of justifying not aligning our lives with you.

(time for silent confession)

Remind us, gracious God, of your love for us. Embolden us to be honest with you. Inspire us to live as followers of the risen Christ, and to know our sins forgiven. Always. Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Children of God

Scripture

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86, VU p.803
Matthew 10:24-39

Message

Music for reflection

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hymn VU#644 – I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

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

We bring these gifts to you, loving God, recognizing that you alone are worthy of our praise and service. Take what we offer, and use it to spread your message of truth and justice, love and forgiveness, to all the world. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Closing Hymn VU#288 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Blessing and Sending Forth VU#428

Choral Postlude VU#963 – May the Grace of Christ

Postlude

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child [Isaac] grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

This support group will be starting to meet at Saint James the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on July 17th. 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.

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 18 479 Km.*

We have gone 7710.5 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.*