

Saint James United Church
May 28th, 2017 – 7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension 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 Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit VU#381 – Spirit of Life

Welcome

Question to Ponder What's next for Saint James?

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 28	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre	10:30 a.m.
May 29	UCW meet at River	6:00 p.m.
May 30	Games Sparks / Pathfinders	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 31	Study Group "The Trinity" Quilting Choir	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
June 4	Morning Worship Communion, Confirmation, Transfers Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room Kirk Service	10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

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."

DONATIONS

A Memorial Donation has been made to the Saint James Sunday School Fund in loving memory of Roy MacNally by Charles Wright, Richard and Etta Lockhart, Bert and Joyce Opie, John and Carol McLellan.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Pamela Black, wife of Keith Black, by John and Mary Wheelan and family.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Colby Cummings by Alma Gartley.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the Youth Development Fund in loving memory of Ann Carr by Nancy Kinney

A Memorial Donation has been made to the Kirk Church in loving memory of wife, Lorna, and baby girl by husband, Don Cluff and daughters, Rhonda, Angela and Lisa.

Call to Worship

ALL Sing: *Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.*

Come, let us gather in the joy and wonder of the Easter season.

Let us celebrate Christ's presence in our world today.

Jesus has promised that wherever we are, his Spirit will be in our midst.

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Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.*

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Prayer of Opening

Refreshing God, in times of dryness you are like cool, spring rains giving new life to the parched places of our lives. We come before you now to celebrate the new life you give to us and others each and every day. Amen.

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Hymn

VU#570 – Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

Story Time

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Jesus prayed that we might all be one,

Yet we are not one.

We quarrel and squabble.

We disagree over little things.

Instead of glorifying God in all we do,

We worry about how we look.

Instead of working together to care for the world,

We often care only for ourselves.

Jesus prayed that we might all be one,

Yet we are not one.

Send your Spirit, God,

And make us one. Amen

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem Glory, Hallelujah

Scripture Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68, VU p.787
 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

Message: ***OPPORTUNITYISNOWHERE (ENTRANCE/EXIT?)***

Music for reflection

Hymn Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome (see insert)

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

God, loving parent and defender of orphans and widows, of outcasts of every time and place, invites us to join in that wonderful ministry. Through our gifts, we seek ways to spread the message of God's love, to ease the burdens on those challenged by society, and to help transform our world. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Closing Hymn VU#582 – There's a Spirit in the Air
we are going to use tune 506 and only sing verses 1,2,4,5

Blessing and Sending Forth

Even as he prepared to leave this world, Jesus prayed for God to watch over us, to protect us, and to make us one. So go out in the sure and certain knowledge that God is watching over you, that God loves you, and that God will never let you go. Amen.

Amen.

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Choral Postlude VU#958 – Halle, Halle, Halle

Postlude

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The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory of Edward and Frances Martin from the Brown Family: Ron and Betty, Chris and Denise, Jeffrey, Tommy, Sarah, Eric, and Leah.

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, and Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas, son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

⁴¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁵⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, June 4, 2017

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;
John 20:19-23

NEXT SUNDAY June 4th is Pentecost. Rev. Deb is asking everyone to wear red, if possible. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Rev. Debra is holding a 6-week study group on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. It began on May 10, 2017. We will be looking at the Trinity this time. All are welcome!

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 May 21 - 442.4 Km. We have gone 6,123.7 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 MAY AND JUNE have arrived and located at the back of the church. ***WE ALSO HAVE LARGE PRINT.***
(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 and brochures.

FUNDRAISER DINNER—Philippine, Spanish and Canadian
Salvation Army June 9th 6:00 p.m.
See Bulletin Board for more information