

Saint James United Church

April 29th, 2018 5th Sunday of Easter

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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

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Welcome

Question to Ponder Do you find it difficult to love others? Why?

Call to Worship

Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

Love is from God.

We all are called to live in God's love.

Love is from God.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr. 29	Morning Worship Sunday School Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre	10:30 a.m.
Apr. 30	Fellowship Unit	7:00 p.m.
May 1	Games Sparks and Pathfinders	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 2	Quilting Group Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
May 3	Unity Group Drive Through Roast Beef Dinner	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
May 6	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavour to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

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.*

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in loving memory of Ralph Bull by Ibridge, Inc., Southampton, N.B., Susan Quinn.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in loving memory of Marion Stone, sister-in-law of Ed Stone, by Susan Quinn.

SHARING

*Sharing is something that makes you feel good
after you've done it.*

*Few things link people together as much as
the sharing of hardship.*

*You end up remembering the sharing,
but not the hardship.*

Sharing is a close friend of both love and respect.

Sharing time is time well spent.

Sharing is giving away something while keeping it.

*Share a problem and you'll still have it but the load on your
shoulders will be half of what it was before.*

*Share a happy moment and you spread
as much sunshine as you keep.*

Share a thought and you inspire others.

Look around you, wherever you look, people are sharing.

You yourself are sharing the bench

That you are sitting on with other people.

Sharing is a sign of friendship.

You are alive because of sharing.

*Your parents share food with you
that they buy at the store.*

Sharing is also a sign of generosity.

When you're young you share your toys,

*Even when you are older you share your work
and help others with theirs.*

People take sharing for granted but it is a very special thing.

*If you haven't shared today, share something soon,
even just a smile. That's more than enough.*

When we live in God's love, our love overflows.

Love is from God.

Let us worship together in Love.

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Opening Prayer

God of love, you have invited us to this time and space. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joyful praise for the gift of your love.

God of life, you have invited us here to place all that we have and all that we are in you. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship, but to offer our hearts in love. Amen.

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Hymn VU#365 – Jesus Loves Me

Time for All Ages

Prayer of Confession

Beloved, let us love one another – *but only if others deserve to be loved.*

Lord, have mercy.

Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars – *but we only hate the really bad people.*

Christ, have mercy.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another – *the truth is, we have trouble believing anyone is worthy of God's love, including ourselves.*

Lord, have mercy.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear – *but sometimes love just isn't enough. We need walls and prisons and armies and guns to protect us.*

Christ, have mercy.

God, help us, through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, to comprehend the power of your love. *Open our hearts and our lives to the love that drives out fear, and transforms the world.*

Lord, we are ready to live in your love.

(silent confession)

Words of Assurance

Hear these words from Jesus, God’s gift of love to us: “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” Jesus was sent by God to offer us new life. In love, know that you are forgiven. In Christ, you are empowered to live in the freedom of love!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Passing of the Peace

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music

Scripture Sharing 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn MV#89 – Love Is the Touch

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, when we accept the gift of your amazing love in our lives, we become instruments of your abundant love. Accept these offerings for what they are: an outpouring of love for you and for all your creation. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (VU#959)

Closing Hymn VU#333 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Blessing and Sending Forth

God’s love is at work right now in our lives.

Christ walks with us even now as we show love to all.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing us out the door on the wings of love.
In God’s love, with Christ’s love, by the Spirit’s love, we go to be love in the world.

Go with God.

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Choral Benediction Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.
Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Postlude

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Scriptures for May 6, 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Easter
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

SPRING IS COMING

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO KEEP OUR CHURCH GOING!

PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY GIVINGS

MONTHLY PAR FORM

Currently we have 56 members who have monthly givings through the United Church Par Program. This allows you to have monthly deductions for givings from your bank account on the 20th of each month. Forms available at the church office.

REPAIR THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

Our church is in need of major roof repairs to the cost of about \$ 50,000.00. Pictures have been placed on the bulletin board outside the board room for you to see.

We have about \$ 9,000 donated already. We will have a thermometer on the bulletin board to keep you informed how we are doing.

If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Board of Stewards, John McLellan.

All donations would be greatly appreciated.

This project will be taking place in the early spring.

DRIVE THROUGH ROAST BEEF SUPPER

THURSDAY, MAY 3RD.

4:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Cost \$ 12.00

Proceeds to the repair of the roof.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST-May 20th Transfers and Confirmation

Anyone who wishes to become a member of Saint James, through transfer of membership from another church or by confirmation, please contact Rev. Deb, as soon as possible, so that we can include you at our Pentecost service.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP----

This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on **May 28, 2018**. 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 Special thanks to our Unity Group (UCW) for hosting coffee hour for the Month of April. If you would like to donate goodies feel free to drop them off in the board room on Sunday. We are looking for Individuals to host for the month of May.

UPPER ROOMS FOR MAY AND JUNE Cost \$ 3.00

Both Small and Large Print are here.

DEBEC TUESDAY QUILTERS 10th ANNIVERSARY

Come Celebrate with us'' Quilt Show. Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 11 am until 3 pm. Admission by donation only. Refreshments will be served. In the past ten years the Debec Tuesday Quilters have given away 480 comfort quilts. Please come out and see our handiwork and have a cup of tea with us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 5, 2018 Debec Quilt Show & Tea

May 11, 2018 Musical Fundraiser for Harper Saunders

July 12,13,14 Dooryard Arts Festival