

Saint James United Church

May 6th, 2018 6th 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 coffee, tea and fellowship in the Board Room..

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 Have you ever been excluded? How did it feel?

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 6 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
Olave Guide Meeting | 10:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. |
| May 7 | WI Meeting Board Room | |
| May 8 | Games
Sparks and Pathfinders
JNAC Committee Meeting | 1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. |
| May 9 | Quilting Group
Choir
CDC Meeting | 1:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m. |
| May 11 | Musical Fundraiser for Harper | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 13 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in C.E. Centre | 10:30 a.m.

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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. 6*

Closing Hymn MV#154 – Deep in Our Hearts

Blessing and Sending Forth

Walk in God's grace.

We will bring the gospel to the world.

Love with Christ's mercy.

We will share the good news with our neighbours.

Bask in the Spirit's blessings.

We will walk the sacred path each and every day.

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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 13, 2018 – Seventh Sunday in Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

BULLETIN DONATION

The bulletin today has been donated in loving memory

of Harold Hatfield (October 27, 1926 - May 6, 2012)

by Lesley and Clara.

The bulletin today is in appreciation of all the volunteers who helped

with our Yard Sale and Roast Beef Supper and made deliveries to

shut-ins by Phyllis Robinson.

Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

Sing to the Lord a new song. Let the mountains quake.

We worship a God of wonder.

Sing praises to our God. Let the musicians join the heavenly chorus.

We worship a God of saving love.

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the rivers clap their hands.

We worship a God of majesty and might.

Come! Worship the Lord.

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Opening Prayer

Author of every spiritual benediction, bless us this day. May your Spirit fall upon us during our time of worship. May your bountiful justice remake us as a righteous people. May your commandment to love one another transform our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. May your praise be heard throughout the world, that all people might come together as one and bear the fruit of eternal life. Amen.

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Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Time for All Ages Sunshine Singers

Prayer of Confession

Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us,
But that can be a difficult thing.

You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love,

Yet we cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift.

You invite us to sing a new song and set our hearts free from the
chains that bind us,

Yet we cleave to familiar paths and old, familiar ways.

Heal us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once more, that our
lips may sing your praise and our hearts may leap with joy.

Help us live as children of your love. Amen.

(silent confession)

Words of Assurance

The One who establishes justice throughout the world, the One who
loves us as a father loves his children, the One who tends us as a
mother tends her young, draws us into the embrace of unconditional
love. Everyone who believes in the child of the Holy One is born of
God.

In Christ, we are made well. 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 Acts 10:44-48
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn MV#145 – Draw the Circle Wide

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

**Source of our lives, you have chosen us and invited us to be part of
Christ's ministry. You have given us the responsibility of offering
all we can for your work. Accept, then, and bless, the offering of
these gifts and of ourselves as a sign of our commitment. Amen.**

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Minute for Mission *(printed)*

Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

DONATIONS

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of
Alfreda McPhee by Neil and Jane Girdwood.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of
Pauline Stairs by Jolene Caverhill and Mary Cliff.*

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.

YARD SALE PROCEEDS \$ 2752.80.

MUSICAL FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.

SAINT JAMES UNITED CHURCH

Ray Kierstead and Group, Side Effects, Jack MacAfee, and Donnie Cluff will host a fundraiser concert on behalf of Harper Saunders, daughter of Robert Hall and Reba Saunders, granddaughter, of Joan Hall. Harper was diagnosed with Leukemia in May of 2017 and is now on maintenance treatment program. Harper celebrated her fourth birthday in February.

WILMOT UNITED - TEA & ARTIST Show & Sale

On Saturday, May 12 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of Wilmot congregation's fine arts and crafts. In addition, there will be a display of beautiful quilts in the sanctuary. Admission is \$10.00. Advanced tickets are available from Shirley Cleave (459-7743, scleave@nb.sympatico.ca) or the church office (458-1066). Limited tickets will be available at the door.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN TEA

*Wednesday, May 16th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Hall*

Join the ladies of the Anglican Church Women for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, breads and cookies. Admission only \$ 5.00 for all you can eat with tea served in fancy bone china tea cups and saucers. If you wish, wear a hat and have tea in style. Tickets from any member of the ACW or at the door.

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 \$ 14,000.00 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*May 11, 2018 Musical Fundraiser for Harper Saunders
July 12,13,14 Dooryard Arts Festival*