

Saint James United Church

October 8, 2017 – 18th 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 MV#2 – Come All You People (2X)

Welcome

Question to Ponder: What are you most thankful for today?

Call to Worship

Let us remember the goodness of God.

We remember, with thankful hearts.

God gave us the sun, the moon, the earth and all that it contains.

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Through the Bible and through history, God gave us children, youth, adults, and seniors of faith and courage.

We remember, with thankful hearts.

God delivered us from slavery in Egypt and brought us to the promised land.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 8
- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School
 - Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
- Oct. 10
- Games 1:00 p.m.
 - Pathfinders and Sparks 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11
- Quilting 1:00 p.m.
 - Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Oct. 12
- Unity Group Pot Luck 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15.
- Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School
 - Coffee, tea and fellowship
Sunshine Singers and Handbells

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Brenda Phillips by Doreen and Rick Canam.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dolina Gunning by Stan and Betty Kerr, Iris Anderson,

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Pauline Forest by Carole McLennon.

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Rev. H. G. MacKenzie by Carol Everly

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Robert MacFarlane by Theresa Kenney and Doris Kish.

TODAY'S READINGS

*Taken from The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language
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Deuteronomy 8:7-18

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After a meal, satisfied, bless God, your God, for the good land he has given you. Make sure you don't forget God, your God, by not keeping his commandments, his rules and regulations that I command you today. Make sure that when you eat and are satisfied, build pleasant houses and settle in, see your herds and flocks flourish and more and more money come in, watch your standard of living going up and up – make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, your God,

The God who delivered you from Egyptian slavery;

The God who led you through that huge and fearsome wilderness, those desolate, arid badlands crawling with fiery snakes and scorpions;

The God who gave you water gushing from hard rock;

The God who gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never heard of, in order to give you a taste of the hard life, to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you.

If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine" – well, think again. Remember that God, your God gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors – as it is today.

We remember, with thankful hearts.

God gave us new hope and new life in Christ.

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With all creation, let us shout and sing for joy!

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Prayer of Opening

For all that is ...

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For joy fulfilled ...

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For sorrow survived ...

we bless you, God!

For grain from the earth, for rain from the sky, for our nights and our days ...

we bless you, God!

With words that say, "Thank you!"

With songs that shout "Amen!"

With our prayer and our worship ...

we bless you, God!

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Amen!

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Hymn MV#188 – I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus

Children's Time Vanessa Belyea

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Gracious God, for our reluctance to share and our easy acceptance of the way things are. Forgive us for the irreverent ways we treat your gifts and the way we take what we have for granted. We trust in your mercy as we seek to be merciful to others. We trust in your forgiveness as we seek to forgive others. We trust in your love as we seek to love others.

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(time for silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, we hear this good news:

God knows the deepest prayers of our hearts – even when we fail to speak the words. Generous and gracious lives are what God asks in return. Let us live such lives of generous gratitude and reveal such grace in our lives together.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *Thanks to God for My Redeemer*

Scripture Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65, VU p.782
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

Sharing Stories of Thanksgiving

Hymn VU#516 – Come, You Thankful People, Come

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering

Choir: Song of Fellowship

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

Generous God, you always give us gifts: gifts of life, of hope, of wholeness. We share our gifts with you and with others. May we always give of ourselves and what we have, with generous and loving hearts. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Closing Hymn VU#519 – Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Blessing and Sending Forth

Let us go now:

**With thanksgiving ringing in our hearts,
With thanksgiving rising to our lips,
With thanksgiving flowing from us to the world!
Amen.**

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Choral Benediction MV#215 – Peace Be with You

Postlude

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***If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person.
You may be their “angel.”***

NOTE FROM JOAN

I will be going away for awhile but I will be in touch with the church office weekly. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Mary know and she will update me.

CANTERBURY-RICHMOND ANNUAL FALL AUCTION

October 14, 2018 9:00 a.m. at Canterbury United Church

Everyone Welcome!!!

Proceeds for the Upkeep of the Church.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank-you to each and everyone who made the Yard Sale a huge Success!!

Lana McKay

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

This coming Thanksgiving day October 9, 2017

at 1:00 to 2:30 pm, the Salvation Army is hosting a Thanksgiving Lunch for the community, please feel free to invite those in your church that want to join us. It is free and everyone is welcome.

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.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop, a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it,

He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.

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Jesus said, “Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?” Then he said to him, “Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you.”

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Scripture readings for October 15, 2017

Exodus 32:1-14; Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. See sign up sheet. Thank you.

UPPER ROOMS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER *The SMALL AND LARGE PRINT have arrived. We also have small print for September and October. Cost \$ 3.00 .*

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 October 16th. 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.

SIGN-UP SHEETS: *We have placed sign-up sheets on our bulletin board in the lobby for volunteers for:*

Readers, Sunday School Teachers and Helpers,

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT---Sunday, October 15, *beginning at 3 pm at St. Gertrude’s. Featuring the 3rd Field Artillery Band.No cost but a Free Will Offering will be taken. All Welcome*

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. A sheet is back on the Bulletin Board to record your kms. This week we travelled 481 kms. The total to date is 3,379.2 kms. We are in the Mediterranean Sea. Let’s Go!! Keep Walking.

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