

Saint James United Church

April 30, 2017 –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

The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.”
(Marcel Proust)

Prelude

Introit: 583 VU v. 1 Jesus Came a Child Like Me

Call to Worship

One: There are many ways to come to know God.

All: Sometimes several thousand come to believe all at once.

One: Other times, a couple of old friends talk, and in their conversation, come to a new awareness of God's presence.

All: It does not matter how we come to believe.

One: We are all invited to journey with God,

All: to grow in faith, and to find God in our everyday lives.

One: Lord Jesus, breathe on us. Give us strength today. Holy Spirit, work in us. For this we pray.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Apr. 30 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Soup, Rolls and Fellowship | 10:30 a.m. |
| May 1 | – noon on the 4 th Bring Items for Sale
Set Up for Yard Sale | |
| May 2 | Games
Sparks / Pathfinders | 1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Not at Church |
| May 3 | Quilting
Choir | 1:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. |
| May 4 | Yard Sale | 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. |
| May 5 | Yard Sale | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon |
| May 7 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room | 10:30 a.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.”

Luke 24: 13-35

[On the Road to Emmaus](#)

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast.

18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;

21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning

23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.

29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together

34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, May 7, 2017

Opening Prayer

Children’s Hymn: More Voices 121 v.1,2,5. Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession

One: For all those times when we fail to recognize the risen Christ in our midst

All: come and travel with us, loving God.

One: For all those times when we are overcome with questions and doubt,

All: come and travel with us, loving God.

One: For all those times when we question if there is any point in carrying on,

All: come and travel with us, loving God.

One: For all those times when we do not know which way to turn, or where to go next,

All: come and travel with us, loving God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Ministry in Word and Music

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (using the Voice translation)

Special Music: “Everything Is Beautiful”

Luke 24: 13-35

Anthem: Ten Thousand Reasons

Message

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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:

Christ has taken bread, broken it, and shared it with us that we might know his presence with us always. In the same way, we are reminded that you always feed us, and provide for us from your great bounty. Now we share with you a small portion of that, and ask you to take our gifts and share them with our community and with the world. In Christ's name, amen.

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU 639 One More Step Along the World I Go

Benediction:

May God the Father prepare your journey,
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,
The Three in One watch over you, on every road that you may follow. Amen.

Choral Benediction: VU 424 "May the God of Hope"

Acts 2:14 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Acts 2:36-41 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

BIBLE STUDY: NOTE ON THE CALENDAR Begins on May 10th

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Rev. Deb will be blessing your Bikes Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the C.e. Centre. Our Town Police will be offering a safety course at that time too. Shine up those bikes and come join us.

ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE

YARD SALE, YARD SALE

Donations to start tomorrow

until Thursday Noon.

SALE: *Thursday May 4th*

Noon till 7:00 p.m.

Friday May 5th

8:00 a.m. until noon.

*Please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board,
if you are able to help*

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND HOME ADDRESSES

We are working on updating all our mailing and email addresses in the church office. If you could give Mary a call and let her know your updates, it would be very much appreciated.

DONATION

*The Fellowship Unit has made a donation to the General Fund in
loving memory of Kimberley Green.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE TO UNITY GROUP The May meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11th at 2:00 p.m.**

LENTEN CHALLENGE During Lent as a congregation let's pledge to walk to Jerusalem from Saint James. That's 8401 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 April 23 327 Km. We have gone 4290.3 Km and are still travelling over the Atlantic Ocean. ***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.

CONFIRMATION AND MEMBERSHIP Anyone interested in becoming a member of Saint James United Church, either through confirmation or transfer of Membership, please let Rev. Deb know. ***We will receive the new members on June 4th, 2017.***

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.

St. Luke's Anglican Church will be holding a Dessert Buffet, Silent Auction and Musical Entertainment Evening on Friday, May 5, 2017 from 7-9 pm, at St. Luke's Hall, 104 Church Street. Admission is by donation. All funds will be forwarded to Camp Brookwood in celebration of their 50th Anniversary Celebration 2017.