

Saint James United Church

September 3, 2017 – 13th 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.

SING TO OUR GOD!

A Gathering Worship Resource Service 2014*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit VU#315 – Holy, Holy, Holy (vs.1)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;

Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;

Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Wm. Pennfeather – Voices United 396

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 3	Morning Worship FOOD BANK SUNDAY Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
September 6	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
September 7	Unity Group	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 10 th	Morning Worship Sunday School Registration Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

It is again time to gather your surplus items to be donated to Saint James for the fall yard sale to be held on THURSDAY, Oct, 5, 2017.

AN INVITATION: John Keoughan is retiring and moving back to his hometown in Miramichi. Please join us in a farewell gathering Tuesday, September 5th, at St. Gertrude's Church Mass at 5:00 followed by Pot Luck Supper at the Church Hall. Best wishes only.

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."

Commissioning and Benediction

Let us go from this place with hearts lifted up!

Let us go with spirits rejoicing!

Let us go with music in the air around us
and a story of love among us. Amen!

Choral Amen VU#967 – Amen

Postlude

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TODAYS SCRIPTURES

John 20:19-29

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Prayer of Opening

**Loving God, we come in search of you and your loving wisdom.
Come to us and gather us in your love. Mold us into a community
of compassion that is strengthened by the unity and power of your
Holy Spirit. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

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The United Church of Canada Crest (Part 1): Introduction

Hymn VU#211 – Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs.1&4)

The United Church of Canada Crest (Part 2): It's All Greek to Me

Scripture John 20:19-29

The United Church of Canada Crest (Part 3): The Medicine Wheel

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

The United Church of Canada Crest (Part 4): God's Truth

Scripture Psalm 119, VU p.840-841, Part 5
Matthew 3:1,5,13-17

The United Church of Canada Crest (Part 5): A Dove Descending

Hymn VU#333 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The United Church of Canada Crest (Part 6): On Fire!

Scripture Exodus 3:1-6

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 September 18th. 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.

QUILT SHOW *The congregations of the Sheffield Pastoral Charge, which includes the Sheffield United Church, Lakeville Corner United Church, and Scotchtown United Church are hosting a Quilting Display on Saturday, Sept 9 from 10:00 until 6:00. It will include antique and modern quilting samples for viewing at the Sheffield United Church, 2169 Route 105, Sheffield, New Brunswick, approximately 20 kms. east of Fredericton. Light refreshments provided. For further information, please feel free to contact Jo-Ann Bridges at 385-2504*

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 326 kms.

The total to date is 1,512.5 Kms.

Let's Go!! Keep Walking.

LOVE CHILDREN? LOVE GOD?

WANTED: *Men or Women interested in being
Sunday School Teachers*

Nursery Workers

Classes Ages 5 - 7 yrs.

8 - 12 yrs.

*At the most you need to prepare for 11 Sundays in 2017 –
Whole People of God Curriculum is being used.
Lessons, crafts etc. suggested and explained for you.*

TODAYS SCRIPTURES

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'
²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have

Matthew 3:1,5,13-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented.

¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Exodus 3:1-6

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'

'⁵Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'⁶He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Revelation 21:5-7

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'

⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Scriptures for September 10, 2017

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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. Thank you.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER *The large print have arrived and are located at the back of the church. Still waiting for small print. (Cost 3.00.)*

With Fall fast approaching we are looking at a few of our Annual Events. Pie Making, Yard Sale, Regular Programs, Fall Supper etc. We are currently looking for a coordinator for our Pie Making Project. We have started to purchase our supplies and more information will be coming.

BREAKFAST INVITATION

There will be a community breakfast at the United Church Hall in Debec on Saturday, September 9th from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Proceeds to the upkeep of the Church. Everyone Welcome. Cost by Donation.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Jane Hatfield by Barry and Heather Sharpe, Fran Grzesik., Mary Dimock, Andrea Dimock, Janet MacElwain.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Charles Briggs by Phyllis Robinson.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Frances McCain by Fran Grzesik.

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Dolly Gunning by Wayne and Shirley McCallum.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dolly Gunning by Dale and Kathy Cox, Alma Gartley, Nadine Burke Sandra Graham, Myrth McKinley, Florence Sproul, Yvonne Martin, Jason and Maressa Cox, Hank DuJohn, Tarp Rite Inc., Pot Luck Dinner Crew

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