

## **Saint James United Church**

**May 7, 2017 –4<sup>th</sup> 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** MV#1 – Let Us Build a House (v.1)

#### **Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** What does 'abundant life' mean for you?

#### **Call to Worship**

ALL Sing: *Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.  
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.*

God is our shepherd, who loves us and cares for us.

**We are like sheep who have wandered from the path.**

Yet God looks for us when we are lost, and invites us back home.

**Let us worship our loving God.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| May 7  | Morning Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Sunshine Singers<br>Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room | 10:30 a.m.                           |
| May 8  | Arthritis Group  | 7:00 p.m.                            |
| May 9  | Games<br>Sparks / Pathfinders  | 1:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. Not at Church |
| May 10 | Bible Study<br>Quilting<br>Choir   | 10:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m. |
| May 11 | Staff Meeting<br>Unity Group   | 12:00 noon<br>2:00 p.m.              |
| May 13 | Blessing of the Bikes  | 2:00 p.m.                            |
| May 14 | Morning Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Sunshine Singers<br>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."*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### *John 10:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

### *Scripture Readings for Sunday, May 14, 2017*

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

ALL Sing: *Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.  
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.*

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### *Prayer of Opening*

**Jesus told us that he came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. God of everlasting life, infuse us with your wondrous spirit, enliven us each day, and help us to be your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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### *Hymn*

VU#583 – Jesus Came, a Child like Me

### *Story Time*

#### *Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness*

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

**Yet it is hard for us to trust you.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us to trust.**

You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life.

**Yet we are so busy: we never seem to have time to stop and catch our breath, we don't have time to pray, we don't have time for others.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us to relax.**

You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

**But sometimes we want to go our own way; we don't want to do what we know we should.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us to walk in your way.**

I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

**We get scared – terrified – by so many things in life.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us to remember you are always with us.**

You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honour me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.

**God loves us and cares for us, no matter what.**

**Thanks, God, for always being there.**

Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life,  
**and I will live forever in your house. Amen!**

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

*Anthem Psalm of Quietness*

*Scripture* Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23, VU p.749  
John 10:1-10

*Message*

*Music for reflection*

*Hymn* MV#143 – We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

## **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*

**As the early church brought their wealth together and shared it for the betterment of their community, so we offer these gifts to you, O God. Help us to distribute what we have with others, that your love might be spread far and wide. Amen.**

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*Minute for Mission*

*Announcements*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern*

*The Lord's Prayer* VU#960

*Closing Hymn* VU#678 – For the Healing of the Nations

*Blessing and Sending Forth*

Christ, our Good Shepherd, calls us by name.

**We know we are loved and accepted by God.**

And so we go out now to spread that good news with others.

**We go to tell the world that they are loved by God.**

Know that the one we connect with here will be with you everywhere.

God bless you. Amen.

*Choral Postlude* VU#958 – Halle, Halle, Halle

*Postlude*

***The bulletin today has been dedicated in  
loving memory of Harold Hatfield  
by Clara and Lesley Hatfield.***

## DONATIONS

### Why be a Volunteer?

**It's not for money, it's not for fame.**

**It's not for any personal gain.**

**It's just for love of fellowman.**

**It's just to send a helping hand.**

**It's just to give a tithe of self.**

**That's something you can't buy with wealth.**

**It's not medals won with pride.**

**It's for that feeling deep inside.**

**It's that reward down in your heart.**

**It's that feeling that you've been a part,  
of helping others far and near.**

**That makes you be a Volunteer!**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** Rev. Debra will begin another 6-week study group on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will be looking at the Trinity this time. All are welcome!

**NOTE TO UNITY GROUP** The May meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 30 404.5 Km. We have gone 4,694.8 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **BLESSING OF THE BIKES**

Rev. Deb will be blessing your Bikes Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

**DESSERT THEATRE:** Canterbury Richmond Pastoral Charge is having a Dessert Theatre! There are two shows;  
***Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at The Canterbury Community Centre***  
***Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Haynes Memorial Centre in Richmond Corner.*** Tickets are available from Barb or Greg Williams (279-2232) Price is \$10.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

***Special thanks to all who donated, performed or helped in any way to make our Seventh Acts Variety Show a great success. We raised \$ 824.25.***

***Special thanks to John and Carol McLellan who co-ordinated our Roast Beef Dinner and to all the volunteers who worked to make this another great success. We raised approximately \$ 2,274.77.***

## **THANK YOU**

***Thank you to anyone who contributed in any way to make the Spring Yard Sale a success. Thanks again!***