

Saint James United Church

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Welcome!

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 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

Welcome

Introit: Gather Us In MV#7

Call to Worship:

God who cast out demons and offers healing, who welcomes all people into your household, we come to this place thirsty for your love. Welcome us, O God, and affirm in each of us the assurance that we are your children. Amen

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| June 19 | Morning Worship Heather Donnelly | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Father's Day and Graduate Service | |
| | Coffee, Tea and Fellowship | 11:30 a.m. |
| June 21 | All Committee Meetings | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Official Board Meeting | 8:00 p.m. |
| June 26 | Morning Worship Rev. Brian DeLong | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Coffee, Tea and Fellowship | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Sunshine Singers | |

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of the kindest dad, Dick Cougle, always with me, Debby.

A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Betty Greene by Phyllis Robinson.

Closing Hymn: MV#30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Sending Forth

Response: You are with us, O God.

When we find ourselves alone in the wilderness..(response)

In the stillness...(response)

When we are afraid...(response)

In unknown places...(response)

When we feel rejected by others...(response)

In all times and in all places...(response)

Go with God.

Choral Benediction Go Now In Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

***The bulletin today has been dedicated to honour
our 2016 Graduates by Phyllis Robinson.***

JUST A REMINDER Due to many people suffering from allergies, 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.

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

Opening Hymn: VU#686 God of Grace and God of Glory

God Our Champion:

Everyone needs a champion,

someone who will be in your corner, always,

someone watching your back,

someone watching you, treasuring you,

keeping you in their heart.

Parents are nature's champions, biologically led to love and nurture,

Feed and foster,

support and sustain.

They can't keep their eyes off you.

From Adam and Eve on, parents creating babies,

caring for their offspring,

all part of God's plan for fruitfulness,

the multiplication of love from generation to generation.

And this is a true story, a story for many happy people,

dearly beloved by happy parents.

*Other true stories need telling; parents who champion themselves at
the expense of their offspring,*

**parents who hate themselves and have no room in their hearts for
love,**

parents who abandon children or who are forced to abandon children,

parents who die, leaving orphans.

who will care for the motherless,

who will cherish the fatherless,

who will champion the neglected?

God our Father, Life-giver, you cannot forget the child you created,

God our Mother, Life-sustainer, you cannot forget the child you nurse.

God our Parent, our Protector,

you are an ever present help in times of trouble.

You are the champion of the orphan,

you seek out the lost and the lonely,

the smallest lamb will not escape your notice.

You carry us in your arms, you speak tenderly,

*You seek justice for us,
you pronounce judgement on those who hurt us.*

**You provide a place for us,
people who shepherd us and take us into their own flock.**

*You raise up communities of nurturers,
groups of people who will not let a single little one be lost.*

Guardian of us all, we give you thanks for mothers,
fathers

and all who foster us,

loving gifts from your tender hands,

our Divine Champion.

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Children's Time

Prayer of Confession:

L: O God, we gather as a people sometimes confused and sometimes overwhelmed.

A: There are so many options before us: some lead to life, others to death.

L: The seductive and persuasive messages of our culture sometimes drown out the still, small voice that coms our fears and purifies our motivations.

A: Where we have neglected your word, forgive us.

L: Where we have resisted the promptings of your Spirit, have mercy upon us and grant us the peace that the world can neither give nor take away.

(Silence for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures: 1Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42 and 43 Voices United p. 768

Luke 8:26-39

Hymn: MV#63 Long Before My Journey's Start

Message

Music for Reflection

Recognition of Graduates

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory Hymn:

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.

Prayer of Dedication:

God of Grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK CLUB *Our book club will be reading over the summer
“The Illegal” by Lawrence Hill.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR July and August *have arrived and located at
the back of the church. Cost is \$ 3.00.*

CHURCH DIRECTORY. *Those who had pictures taken at the
church will automatically receive a church directory. If you sent in
a picture it will be in the directory but if you want to purchase a
directory it is \$ 20.00. Please contact the church office, if you have
any further questions. Those who would like a directory please let me
know as soon as possible. Be sure to tell others and they may not
know about it. Thanks Mary 328-6114*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OFFICIAL BOARD June 21

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

*Our Sunday School is in desperate need of teachers
and assistants for this coming fall. We will be having
a workshop with planning session for the 1st Block
before the Fall Session begins.
Please check in with Joan, if this interests you – no
experience necessary we learn, as we go.*

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Richard Blacquire is looking for someone to help in co-ordination
sponsors of children in Haiti to aid them in receiving an education.
This person would be accepting applications and monies for this
worthwhile project. It would require 8-10 hours a month on
average. If interested, please call 328-4868.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 19:1-15 New International Version (NIV)

Elijah Flees to Horeb

19 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

³ Elijah was afraid^[a] and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD Appears to Elijah

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

Footnotes:

Luke 8:26-39 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,^[a] which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice,

“What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Scriptures for June 26, 2016

2 Kings: 1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77 VU # 791

Luke 9: 51-62

FATHER'S DAY

God took the strength of a mountain

The majesty of a tree

The warmth of a summer sun

The calm of a quiet sea

The generous soul of nature

The comforting arm of night

The power of the eagle's flight

The joy of a morning spring

The faith of a mustard seed

The patience of eternity

The depth of a family need

Then God combined these qualities

And then there was nothing more to add

He knew his masterpiece was complete

And so he called it ... Dad.

PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM

*With summer fast approaching this is a great time of year to sign up for our **PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM!** If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year.*

Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S.

Contact the church office for more details!

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.