

Saint James United Church

August 28, 2016 Fifteenth 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 free 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: MV #1 "Let Us Build A House" Vs. 1 & 5

Call to worship:

One: God of Creation, you have formed us from stardust

All: And you have made a home for us here on Earth.

One: You have welcomed us all into this place and given us a home to rest.

All: Foxes have holes, bears have caves, birds of the air have nests.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 28th Morning Worship -Joan Hall 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room. 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 4th Morning Worship - Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UPPER ROOMS FOR September and October 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

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 DETAILS.**

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

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Neeltje (Nel) Pelkman, Mother of Catharina Lenehan by Phyllis Robinson.

FALL ACTIVITY---SEE BULLETIN BOARD

1. *Experience it all during our 2016 Studio Tour and Gallery Hop Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October 10am-5pm It makes a wonderful half-day outing for groups, friends and families.*

For more information please visit website: www.artinthevalley.ca

2. *Alzheimer Society Gala Dinner Event*

UPCOMING DRIVE THROUGH

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Thursday, September 15, 2016 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$10.00 Tickets available at Church Office.

Also you can place orders to be delivered.

Menu: Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Chocolate Chip Cookie for Dessert.

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.*

One: May we remember you have made this place our home

All: May we honor this gift with extravagant welcome.

One: When our neighbours are in need,

All: May reach out and welcome them in.

Opening Hymn: # 395 VU "Come In, Come In, and Sit Down"

Opening Prayer:

Divine Parent, we are honoured that you call us, your children, to participate in bringing your abundant welcome into the world. Give us what we need for this journey. Forgive us for forgetting your abundance and help us forgive those who forget like us. Lead us all away from fear of scarcity and deliver us into your radical hospitality. For the world and all that is in it belong to you, and you have welcomed us into your home. Let us proclaim your generous glory forever as we share what we have been given. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn: # 400 VU "Lord Listen To Your Children Praying" (X2)

We will enjoy a time of silent meditation sharing our private joys and concerns with God. Beginning and ending with a chime from the singing bowl followed by "The New Creed" # 918 VU

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music Sarah Slipp on Flute

Scriptures Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13

Psalm 81 Part 1 V U page 796

Hebrews 13: 1- 8. 15 - 16

Message WHAT EVER!

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Anthem

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.

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, we know we are blessed. We know we are part of all creation and entwined not only with all matter here on earth but also with the cosmos. Bless what we present this day. Transform and use it to reveal your presence in the troubled places of this realm. Amen

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

A Sung Response On Eagles Wings``

**And God will raise you up on eagle`s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn;
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God`s hand.**

**Closing Hymn He`s Got The Whole World In His Hands
(See Back of Bulletin)**

Sending forth

Choral Benediction Bind Us Together

**Bind us together Lord,
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together
bind us together with love.
There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body.
That is why I sing.**

Postlude

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.

**Jeremiah 2:4-13 New International Version
(NIV)**

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD,
who brought us up out of Egypt
and led us through the barren wilderness,
through a land of deserts and ravines,
a land of drought and utter darkness,
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and rich produce.
But you came and defiled my land
and made my inheritance detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask,
‘Where is the LORD?’
Those who deal with the law did not know me;
the leaders rebelled against me.
The prophets prophesied by Baal,
following worthless idols.

⁹“Therefore I bring charges against you again,”
declares the LORD.

“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.¹⁰ Cross
over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar^[a] and observe closely;
see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God
for worthless idols.

¹²Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,”

declares the LORD.

¹³“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Hebrews 13:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

Concluding Exhortations

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.² Do not forget
to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have
shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.³ Continue to
remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison,
and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure,
for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.⁵ Keep
your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you
have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”^[a]

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”^[b]

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice
of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not
forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God
is pleased.

SEPTEMBER IS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MONTH!

*Unlocking a child’s true potential creates a future where
anything is possible...start something! Being a Big Brother, Big
Sister, Big Couple or an in School Mentor volunteer is about being a
friend and someone to look up to. It’s about hanging out, talking and
sharing with many smiles along the way. It’s about making one child
feel very special. And you’ll feel pretty great too. Every child needs a
mentor to share with, talk to or confide in, whether it’s playing sports,
learning a new craft or just goofing around, you’ll make a difference
in each other’s life. You’ll both be forever changed by the experience.
**Start something; Call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Carleton-York
today @ 328-2094 or bbbscy@nab.aibn.com***

HE`S GOT THEWHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

**He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands**

**He's got ev'rybody here in His hands.
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands.
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.**