

Saint James United Church

May 29, 2016 Trinity Sunday

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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..

Presider: Angela Young

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Introit – VU 245 v.1 “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

Call to Worship –

O God, gather us in this place of worship.

Gather us in your strong presence.

Gather us with song and scripture.

Gather us young and old.

As your church family, we gather in thankfulness for the many gifts you have given us.

Let us worship God together and share our gifts with others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 29 | Morning Worship | Amy and Choir | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | | |
| | Soup, Rolls and Fellowship | | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Sunshine Singers | | |
| May 30 | U.C.W. Meet at The River | | 6:00 p.m. |
| May 31 | Games | | 1:00 p.m. |
| | Pathfinders | | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Sparks | | 6:30 p.m. |
| May 25 | Choir | | 7:15 p.m. |
| May 26,27,28,29 | Conference | | |

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

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.*

PRAY

Pray for our sisters and brothers of First United Church in Fort McMurray and for all affected by the wild fires including all the people of Fort McMurray, first responders, families and friends.

*God of our ancestors, in a world where chaos and ruin are as close as the wind,
where fires rage out of control in Fort McMurray destroying homes, businesses, and livelihoods;
Help us to find strength and courage from the stories of those who took refuge in you during their time of trial and despair.
And so with the psalmist who cried laments, we pray for all who are in need of food, shelter and healing.*

Donations may be made through your church envelope.

Please note that it is for the Fort McMurray Emergency Response.

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.

Opening Prayer

Organ Solo – Carole Montgomery

Passing of the Peace

Special Music “Everything Is Beautiful” - the Young-Belyea family

Children's Time Vanessa Belyea

Prayer of Confession – (unison)- Ever-present God, we know your gifts are all around us. Yet sometimes we fail to see them. Help us to be open to the music of creation, to hear the needs of others, and to be your hands and feet in the world. Help us to accept the gifts of others, even when they are different than our own.

Words of Assurance – Jesus said “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Luke 10: 25-37

Anthem – We Rise Again

Second Reading – Matthew 25: 14 -30

Music for Reflection – Marg Beattie

Poem: “I Worried” Mary Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Offertory Hymn – Psalm 100 – VU 820 “Make a Joyful Noise”

**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 – Dear God, help us to give our time and talents to increase your presence in the world. We return these gifts for the work of your church in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Amen

Announcements

Minute for Mission (as printed in the bulletin)

Special Music “Bridge Over Troubled Waters”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU 625 “I Feel the Winds of God”

Benediction

Choral Benediction – VU 646 v. 1 “We Are Marching”

Postlude

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Mina Allen by Jolene Caverhill.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Church Fund in loving memory of wife, Lorna Cluff, by Donnie Cluff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITY GROUP *The U.C.W. Unity Group meets June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. for lunch at Walter`s.*

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. *The Universal Studios will be in Woodstock at the United Baptist Church. Anyone who was away at our picture taking time can book an appointment. The dates are May 30th until June 3rd. The number to call for an appointment is 1-888-769-7339 and ask for Brenda.*

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.

SESSION AND OFFICIAL BOARD HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

MAY 29TH ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK

Giant Yard Sale at St. Lukes Anglican Church.

*The Anglican Churches of Richmond Corner and Woodstock are combining to hold a **GIANT** yard sale on Saturday, June 4th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. There are too many items to list at this time. All proceeds will be going towards the 50th Anniversary of our children’s camp – Camp Brookwood. There will also be a hot dog barbecue. Come one, Come all – All welcome!*

NOTICE

**June 12th 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship at Jellystone Park
Followed by Congregational Picnic.
Please don't forget your plates, cups, silverware,
utensils and Pot Luck Dish. Ranger Peter will
have the Water Park open for us that Day
so bring your swimwear and towels.**

June 5th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Youth Group Closing

June 3rd – 5th. Games Retreat Gibson Creek

May 31, 2016 Last Day of Games until Fall.

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.***

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!

TODAYS SCRIPTURES

First Reading – Luke 10: 25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’^[a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b]”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Second Reading – Matthew 25: 14 -30

¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

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²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with

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²⁸ ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

***The bulletin today is in celebration of
The Life of Frederick Allan Stanley by Joan Hall.***