

Saint James United Church

August 14, 2016 Twelfth 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: 1 verse Praise Our Maker 316 VU

Call to worship

People of summer, gather your hearts for worship.

We bring our hearts, and all the love and pain in them.

People of sunshine and of rain, gather your minds for worship.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 14th Morning Worship -Cathy Scott 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
in the Board Room

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

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

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.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Lou Beatty by David and Debbie Daye.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Neeltje (Nel) Pelkman, Mother of Catharina Lenehan by John and Mary Wheelan,

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.*

We gather our minds, and all the thoughts and doubts inside.

People of growing things, gather your spirits for worship in this place.

Our spirits are gathered, our minds and hearts are ready!

Let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Maker of all things, Judge of all people”

we confess the sins which we have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against your Divine Majesty.

We repent of our misdeeds;

the remembrance of them is a grief to us;

the burden of them is great.

Have mercy upon us most merciful God.

For Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Words of assurance

Opening hymn Tell me the stories of Jesus # 357 VU

Children's Time

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures

Old Testament – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms – 80:1-2, 8-19 P794 Part 2

New Testament - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Hymn Shall we gather at the river # 710 VU

Message

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRESENTATION OF 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

Closing hymn Praise to the Lord, the almighty 220 VU

Sending forth

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

1 The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

11 “The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?” says the Lord. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

12 When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? 13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. 14 Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

15 When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! 16 Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. 17 Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed.  Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. 18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

19If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; 20but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hebrews 11: 1-3

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:8-16 New International Version (NIV)

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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***

SHARING

*Sharing is something that makes you feel good
after you've done it.*

*Few things link people together as much as
the sharing of hardship.*

*You end up remembering the sharing,
but not the hardship.*

Sharing is a close friend of both love and respect.

Sharing time is time well spent.

Sharing is giving away something while keeping it.

*Share a problem and you'll still have it but the load on
your shoulders will be half of what it was before.*

*Share a happy moment and you spread
as much sunshine as you keep.*

Share a thought and you inspire others.

Look around you, wherever you look, people are sharing.

You yourself are sharing the bench

That you are sitting on with other people.

Sharing is a sign of friendship.

You are alive because of sharing.

*Your parents share food with you
that they buy at the store.*

Sharing is also a sign of generosity.

When you're young you share your toys.

*Even when you are older you share your work
and help others with theirs.*

People take sharing for granted

but it is a very special thing.

*If you haven't shared today, share something soon,
even just a smile. That's more than enough.*

Isaiah 5:1-7 New International Version (NIV)

The Song of the Vineyard

5 I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

3 “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

5 Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

6 I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briars and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

7 The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Hebrews 11:29 NIV

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

2fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.