

## **Saint James United Church**

**August 21, 2016 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**120 Chapel St. Woodstock, N.B. E7M1H1**

**Phone: 328-6114 Email: [stjames@nb.aibn.com](mailto:stjames@nb.aibn.com)**

**Website: [saintjamesunited.ca](http://saintjamesunited.ca) Fax: 324-9349**

**Presider: Cathy Scott Music Director: Amy Anderson**

**Admin. Assistant: Mary Wheelan C.D. Coordinator: Joan Hall**

**Ushers: Ron Murray**

**Reader: Phyllis Robinson**



*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: VU#570 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands**

### **Call to worship:**

**One:** We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

**All: The Divine One is a spring of water!**

**One:** We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

**All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> Morning Worship -Heather Donnelly 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 Kirk Church Fund in loving memory of sister, Starr Morin, by Robert and Marion MacFarlane.*

**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: We may be lost or confused  
so we come into God's presence:

**All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!**

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain  
So we come into God's presence:

**All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!**

**Opening Prayer:**

**O God of all goodness,  
you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from  
places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with  
steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment.  
Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you,  
O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: VU374 Come and Find a Quiet Centre**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Isaiah's people--the people of Israel returning home from long  
exile-- sought in the Prophet's words guidance for building  
God's kin-dom:

Offer food to the hungry, Reach out to the afflicted,  
Remove the yokes of oppression and injustice,  
Overcome despair and complaint in struggle.

**We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in  
our attempts to build community. Holy One, forgive us.  
Take away whatever holds us back. Show us the way to  
confidence and generosity so that we may be known as  
your people: Repairers of the broken places and restorers  
of peace in our communities.**

**O God, with your help we can change and bring you  
glory.**

*Silent confession.....*

**Words of Assurance:**

**Hymn: VU#626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**Children's Time**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Anthem "By The Well, A Thirsty Woman"

Scriptures Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103 Voices United page 825

Luke 13:10-17

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:**

With reverence and awe for your ways,  
we offer our gifts for the work of love and justice,  
the work of healing, restoring and setting free in your holy  
name, God of our hearts. Amen.

**Minute for Mission**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Closing hymn MV#144 Like a Healing Stream**

**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***

**Healing Reign: Service Prayers for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost** was written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling. Copyright 2016 Local Church Ministries, Faith Formation Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-1100. Permission granted to reproduce or adapt this material for use in services of worship or church education. All publishing rights reserved.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

**Isaiah 58:9-14 New International Version  
(NIV)**

<sup>9</sup>Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
<sup>10</sup>and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you always;  
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

<sup>13</sup>“If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath  
and from doing as you please on my holy day,  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the LORD’s holy day honorable,  
and if you honor it by not going your own way  
and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

<sup>14</sup>then you will find your joy in the LORD,  
and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land  
and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.”  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**SEPTEMBER IS BIG BROTHERS**  
**BIG SISTERS MONTH!**

**Luke 10: 10 -17**

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

10On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

14Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

15The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

17When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

*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](mailto:bbbscy@nab.aibn.com)***