

## **Saint James United Church**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**Reader: Andrea Dimock**



*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 introduce yourself to Rev. Debra, 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**

**Introit** MV#156 – Dance with the Spirit (2x)

**Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** What are your first thoughts and reactions when an unusual (e.g. joyful or terrifying) event happens?

**Call to Worship**

Holy Spirit, come amongst us!

**Inspire our worship, strengthen our faith.**

Holy Spirit, stay with us!

**Deepen our fellowship, support our sharing.**

Holy Spirit, challenge our discipleship!

**Encourage us to venture out, give us the compassion of Jesus.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 20	Morning Worship Confirmation and Communion Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
May 22	Games Sparks and Pathfinders	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
May 23	Quilting Group Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
May 27	Morning Worship Sunday School Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre	10:30 a.m.

### **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.*

**SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT:** *A few of our congregation members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the church. 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 and refrain from wearing perfumes.*

**SPRING IS COMING  
WHAT A GREAT WAY TO KEEP  
OUR CHURCH GOING!**

**PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY GIVINGS**

**MONTHLY PAR FORM**

Currently we have 56 members who have monthly givings through the United Church Par Program. This allows you to have monthly deductions for givings from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Forms available at the church office.

**UPCOMING DATES TO MARK**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 7:00 P.M.** Information meeting in the C.E. Centre with Sam Arnold on the nesting of extinct birds in the chimney of the Middle School. Those interested are invited to attend to discuss the future of these birds. Dress warm for viewing of birds after the meeting.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Grad Breakfast 9:00 a.m. and Service 10:30 a.m.  
Kirk Service 2:00 p.m.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School Closing at 10:30 a.m. at Saint James  
Congregational Picnic at Jellystone to follow.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** Baccalaureate Service 2:00 p.m.

**June 25,26,27** Games Retreat at Youth Camp

**July 6,7,8** Camp Grammie at Youth Camp

Holy Spirit, work through us!

**Touch the downhearted with hope, move the dispirited with Love.**

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***Opening Prayer***

Soaring, flowing, questing, dancing,

**the Holy Spirit leads us to praise.**

Searching, finding, changing, challenging,

**the Holy Spirit calls us to faithfulness.**

Gently, calmly, simply, persistently,

**the Holy Spirit invites us to reflection.**

With perseverance, with encouragement, with joy, with urgency,

**the Holy Spirit moves us to action. Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us, now and always! Amen.**

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**Hymn** VU#360 – She Comes Sailing on the Wind

***Prayer of Questioning/Confession***

“A sound like the rush of a violent wind ...”

**Do we doubt the power of God’s Spirit to move us and our faith community for good?**

“Divided tongues as of fire ...”

**Could the power of God’s Spirit set us on fire with enthusiasm for worship and for work, in our church and in our neighbourhood?**

“And how is it that we hear ... in our own native language ...”

**Have we realized that the Word of God has universal truth, universal potential to empower the rejected and downtrodden?**

Peter quotes the prophet Joel: “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ...”

**Are there no limits to the loving influence of God? Is it possible that saint and sinner, rich and poor, can all be touched and changed by God?**

***Words of Assurance***

Living God, your Spirit will radically change us.

**Into our apathy, your Spirit breathes enthusiasm; within our uncertainty, your Spirit forms faith; into our hardness of heart, your Spirit breathes compassion.**

Know the peaceful power of the Spirit around you, the pardoning power of the Spirit for you, the graceful power of the Spirit setting you free.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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***Confirmation***

We welcome into the membership of Saint James United Church by profession of faith: Julie Patricia Savoy.

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

***Ministry of Music***

***Scripture Sharing*** Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104, VU p.827, Part Two (*stay seated*)  
Romans 8:23-27  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

***Meditation***

***Music for Reflection***

***Hymn*** VU#195 – On Pentecost They Gathered

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

***Presentation of the Offering***

***Offertory*** 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REPAIR THE ROOF FUNDRAISER**

***Our church is in need of major roof repairs to the cost of about \$ 50,000.00. Pictures have been placed on the bulletin board outside the board room for you to see.***

***We have about \$ 14,000.00 donated already. We will have a thermometer on the bulletin board to keep you informed how we are doing. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Board of Stewards, John McLellan. All donations would be greatly appreciated. This project will be taking place in the early spring.***

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP----**

***This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on May 28, 2018 . All those who are care givers may like to mark this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.***

**COFFEE HOUR** ***Special thanks to our Unity Group (UCW) for hosting coffee hour for the Month of April. If you would like to donate goodies feel free to drop them off in the board room on Sunday. We are looking for Individuals to host for the month of May.***

**UPPER ROOMS FOR MAY AND JUNE Cost \$ 3.00**

***Both Small and Large Print are here.***

**BULLETIN DONATION**

*The bulletin today has been donated in loving memory of husband Stuart, son Scott, and grandson Carter by Marilyn Asbell.*

**DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Marguerite Carson, wife of Ralph Carson by Betty Wilson.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Marguerite Carson, wife of Ralph Carson, by Alma Gartley.*

*A donation has been made to the Roof Repair Fund in loving memory of Marguerite Carson by Doug and Lynda Swan, Joey and Heather Voutour, Peter and Janet Clark.*

*A donation has been made to the Roof Repair Fund in loving memory of Pauline Stairs by Doug and Lynda Swan.*

*A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Ralph Bull by Leonard and Alice Lincoln, Eric and Sally Lincoln, and Jim and Mary Lincoln, Mike Allen, Edward and Janice Bull,*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Marguerite Carson by Wayne and Shirley McCallum, Phyllis Robinson.*

***Offertory prayer***

**We believe that your Holy Spirit will go to work through these offerings, O God, as the weak find support, as the vulnerable gain confidence, as the disabled get fair treatment, as the disillusioned can dream again. We pray in the name of Jesus, who strengthens. Amen.**

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***Minute for Mission (printed)***  
***Announcements***

***Hymn***            VU#196 – Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow

***Sacrament of Holy Communion***

This is not the table of the United Church of Canada. Neither is it the table of Saint James United Church. This is Christ's table and all are welcome at this table.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give God thanks and praise.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you, eternal God, for on the first day of the week you called creation into being. Through the movement of your Spirit, the heavens and earth were formed and shaped. You made each of the plants and animals in our world and gave them life and purpose. You made people to live for you and for each other.

**So, on this first day of the week, we give you thanks and praise for creation.**

We praise you, merciful God, for on the first day of the week you caused the resurrection to take place. Through your will, Jesus who had been crucified and buried was raised from the dead. You shattered the power of death and sin and freed us to know your mercy and grace. In Jesus Christ, you have called us to a new life in this world and in the world to come.

**So on this first day of the week, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

We praise you, wondrous God, for on the first day of the week you caused your Spirit to descend as tongues of fire for all to see. Through your gift of the Spirit, wonders took place to show the power and promise of your love. You moved the disciples to go out into the world to tell of salvation and hope. Through the Holy Spirit you have continued to bless Christians and your church.

**So on this first day of the week, we give you thanks and praise for your Spirit.**

As people of faith, we have come to this table. We take the bread and cup as signs of hope and life. For with his disciples Jesus took bread, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.

**We remember Christ's body broken for the forgiveness of sins.**

He also took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant God has made with you in my blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup, remember me.

**We remember Christ's blood shed for the redemption of the world.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that as we take this bread and drink from this cup we might know again the living Christ among us. Fill us with the hope and strength of your Spirit that we might respond with our complete lives. Send your Holy Spirit that we your holy people and your holy church might transform the world in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

We gather these prayers and the prayers of our hearts into the one great prayer Jesus taught us, saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The bread of life, broken for you.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Prayer after Communion*

**Gracious God, for the bread of life and for the cup of blessing, we thank you. Allow us to go forth from this table and live as your holy people, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit and walking in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn*

MV#150 – Spirit God, Be Our Breath

*Blessing and Sending Forth*

The Holy Spirit will go to work within each one of you and within this faith community.

**The Spirit calls us, and we are encouraged to respond faithfully.**

**The Spirit moves us, and we are encouraged to work diligently.**

**The Spirit fills us, and we are encouraged to live peacefully.**

**The Spirit challenges us, and we are encouraged to act with justice.**

**The Spirit loves us, and we are encouraged to mirror that love, every day and in every way.**

**Amen.**

*Choral Benediction*

VU#962 – May the Blessing of God

*Postlude*

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*Scriptures for May 27, 2018 – Trinity Sunday*

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17