

Saint James United Church

July 15, 2018 8th Sunday in Pentecost

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Ministers: Rev. Debra Baker

Music Director and Organist: Amy Anderson

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

Ushers: Bob and Bonnie Stokes, Bev Boone



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 VU#245 – Praise the Lord

Welcome

Question to Ponder Do you believe in destiny?

Call to Worship

When we come to this place, what are we looking for? When we gather together, what do we hope to find?

Community? Caring? Christ?

When we come to this place, what are we bringing? When we gather together, what do we hope to offer?

Our loves? Our lives? Ourselves?

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| July 15 | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Coffee and Fellowship after the service. | |
| July 16 | Alzheimer Support Group | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| July 22 | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Coffee and Fellowship after the service. | |

SUMMER SERVICES

Regular services will be held at Saint James during the months of July and August. Rev. Debra's last service will be August 19th. On August 26th we will have a guest minister from Alberta, Rev. Ray Goodship. Look forward to seeing everyone.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on **July 16, 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.*

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 \$ 29,523.74 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.

SUMMER IS HERE

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 20th of each month. Forms available at the church office.

UPPER ROOMS FOR JULY AND AUGUST Cost \$ 3.00

Both Small and Large Print are here.

COFFEE HOUR *Special thanks to all groups and individuals who set-up and clean-up for Coffee Hour on Sunday Morning. During the summer we will be only having coffee, tea and fellowship after church. Snacks are appreciated.*

Whatever you're looking for, whatever you bring, know this: this is God's home, you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.

Let us worship God!

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Opening Prayer

Creating God, as we celebrate your presence among us today, may the seed you have sown in our hearts bear your fruit as we prepare the way for your commonwealth that is to come. Amen.

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Hymn MV#1 – Let Us Build a House

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, you call us to a new way of being. Day by day, we slip and need your forgiveness. We may fail to treat others with the kindness we expect in return. We may harbour anger, greed, bitterness, and sinfulness. Free us from any selfish ways, so that we might love as Christ loved us. Amen.

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(time for silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

God says – I have called you by name; you are mine. Even when we don't claim God – God claims us. We belong to God – and are loved into completeness. Let us open our hearts to the love and grace of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Passing the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Illumination

Since the beginning of time, you, O God, have called your people. You called David to be king. Through Jesus, you called the disciples to teach and heal. As you open these pages to us this day, open us to your call. Then send us out with what we need in order to show and proclaim your love. Amen.

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Scripture Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn VU#575 – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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.

Offertory prayer

O God, you do not ask for more than we can give. Bless these gifts, we pray, that they might be building blocks for the kin-dom of heaven. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn MV#145 – Draw the Circle Wide

Commissioning and Benediction

Return to the world in which we live, giving thanks to God for your many blessings, and sharing those blessings with your neighbour, all for the love of God. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you today and always. Amen.

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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 God 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.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude

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Scriptures for July 22, 2018

2 Sam 7:1-14a; Ps 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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