

Saint James United Church

July 22, 2018 9th Sunday in 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 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#402 – We Are One (vs.1)

Welcome

Question to Ponder Where have you erected walls in your life?

Call to Worship

Welcome, friends and strangers, long-timers and newcomers, those from nearby and far off.

We gather as one because Christ is our peace.

We gather as the temple where God lives through the Spirit.

We gather with Christ Jesus as our cornerstone, the one who joins us together.

Hear the good news of peace that brings us together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 22 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

July 23 **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting on Monday, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Saint James. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the JNAC report by the congregation.

July 29 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

Gospel Concert –McCain Theatre 6:00 p.m.
Admission \$ 10.00

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.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#672 – Take Time to Be Holy

Commissioning and Benediction

Christ is our peace!

Christ is building us into a people of peace.

Christ is our cornerstone, joining us together as one.

Christ is building us into a place where God lives.

Let us be people who are built into a temple of peace.

We will be a people where God lives in the world. 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 29, 2018

2 Sam 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

With our brothers and sisters, we are no longer strangers, but residents with God.

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Opening Prayer

Jesus Christ, our Peace, our Cornerstone, we come from a world of division longing for the promise and good news of your peace. Remind us again of your work of reconciliation – reconciliation that breaks down the barriers of hatred in our communities and our own lives, and between nations and peoples.

Make of us a place of belonging and peace, where you may dwell in joy, in the name of the God of Sure Promises and of the indwelling Spirit. Amen.

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Hymn VU#395 – Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Compassion, you see our suffering and seek all who have lost hope, all who struggle to love one another. Forgive us when we build barriers of hatred, and bring us together in your peace. Build us up in your hope and love, that God may live in our lives. Amen.

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(time for silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

Mark writes: “When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them.” This compassionate Jesus also looks upon us and brings us near – to him and to one another. We are forgiven and made new by the One who builds us into the very place where God lives.

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

God of all things, loving and caring, we come together today to listen for your wisdom on living together in harmony. At any age, making friends can be difficult at times and treating them well sometimes evades us. We ask for your help as we read your Word and listen for your Good News today. Amen.

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Scripture 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalms 89:20-37 (*paraphrase by James Taylor*)

“I have chosen my successor,” says God. “I have chosen you.

You will take my place.

For years, I have taught you my vision; now I want you to take it forward into the future.

“To avoid being controlled by bureaucrats,

to protect yourself against fast-talking promoters and bottom-line economists,

you must ask yourself what I would do.

By keeping me always in mind, our reputations will both grow.

What I have started, you will continue;

through you, my influence will spread.

I have been your launching pad –

Now it’s up to you to carry on.

I want to be proud of you. As long as you pursue my vision, you will prosper.

“But if you wander off my way,

if you lust after competitive advantage and chase after quick profits,

if you sell out to other gods and other goals,

then you will destroy yourself.

You will lose all credibility;

you will go ethically bankrupt.

“Even so, I will never turn against you.

I have taken you into my family;

You are a member of my household.

I have promised it; I do not lie.”

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn VU#374 – Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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

Jesus, our Hope, we send these gifts: to those without hope, to those who need your love, and to those longing for your peace. May our gifts and may our very lives reveal that God lives in us and that we look upon all, stranger and friend alike, as our brothers and sisters. Amen.

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Minute for Mission (*Printed in Bulletin*)

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

WOODSTOCK HALL OF FAME COUNTRY SHOW

NB HALL OF FAME TRIBUTE JAMBOREE

Honouring Music Legend Donnie Cluff

Saturday, August 4th 7:00p.m. McCain Theatre

Woodstock High School Cost \$ 10.00

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 August 20, 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 \$ 29,547.74 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

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.