

## **Saint James United Church**

**July 8, 2018 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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#21 – Open Our Hearts (2X)

**Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** How do we grieve? How do you grieve?

**Call to Worship**

This land is your land.

**This land is my land.**

This land is God's land!

**From east to west, from north to south, from ocean to ocean,**

We gather to worship as people have in this land

**Since before Canada was a nation, since before the settlers arrived.**

And as we come to worship in this place, God already was, already is,  
**Already here!**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 8 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

July 15 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 19<sup>th</sup>. On August 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 15, 2018**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 **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.*

***The Anglican Parish of Woodstock Join us at St. Luke’s for an Organ Recital with guest organist David Drinkell at St. Luke’s Church, 7 pm July 14, 2018. A free will offering will support the expense of the Dooryard Arts Festival. See you there!***

In this great land, in this holy space, let us join our voices and spirits with those past and present of all generations and all faiths

**Who come together to praise God!**

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**Opening Prayer**

**We turn to you for healing, O God; bless us this day. Give us the strength to fall on our knees and lay our petitions at your feet as we worship you this day. Grant us the courage to reach out our hands and touch the hem of your robe, that we may be made well. May your power flow into our bodies and soothe our minds and spirits, as we place our faith in you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**Hymn**                      VU#326 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Prayer of Confession**

**As proud as we are of our country, Lord of all, we know it could be better. We know we could be better. We know that there could be reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of Canada and better relationships among those of all faiths. We need your compassion in our communities and in our country. We need your imagination, your vision of a country and a world transformed. Instead we have made idols for ourselves of culture, race, status, and material wealth. We have made gods that are no gods.**

**Forgive us, Spirit of justice and true peace. Reconcile, restore, redeem us, Merciful One. Turn us to the face of Christ and give us your grace, we pray. Amen.**

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*(time for silent confession)*

### ***Words of Forgiveness***

Place your hope in God, our source of Life. For God is the Great Physician, whose steadfast love has the power to redeem. Give thanks to the One who hears our prayers and makes us well.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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### ***Passing the Peace of Christ***

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### ***Ministry of Music***

**Scripture**            2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
                             Psalm 130, VU p.853  
                             2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
                             Mark 5:21-43

### ***Meditation***

### ***Music for Reflection***

**Hymn**                MV#132 – Great Sorrow Prodded Jairus (*tune: VU#633*)

## **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***

**God of love and mercy, our world is filled with misery and despair. From our bounty, receive these gifts in your service, that those with less may not suffer from want.**

**And when our fortunes are reversed, may we receive with the same grace and gratitude that we have offered our gifts this day. In your holy name. Amen**

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### ***Minute for Mission***

### ***Announcements***

***Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer***  
*Congregation will respond to the phrase "Have faith" with the following: We will work and pray for the reality of a restored and faithful life.*

**Hymn**                VU#622 – Your Hands, O Christ

### ***Commissioning and Benediction***

Go forth in the hope and promise of God.  
**We go to share God's love and grace.**  
Go forth in the wholeness of life with Christ.  
**We go to share the good news of Christ's healing.**  
Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**We go to share the Spirit of peace with the world.**

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## **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 \$ 29,000.00 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.*

## **SUMMER 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.*

## **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 have hosted Coffee Hour. Beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be only having coffee and fellowship after church.*