

## ***Saint James United Church***

***August 19, 2018 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

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***Prelude***

***Introit***

***MV#18 – Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary***

***Welcome***

***Call to Worship***

***Come, seekers of wisdom and truth,***

***God's wisdom has called us here.***

***Come, lovers of Christ's teachings and guidance,***

***Christ's love has called us here.***

***Come, singers of thanksgiving and praise,***

***the Spirit's presence has gathered us here!***

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Aug. 19 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Farewell Barbeque for Rev. Deb in the C.E. Centre
- Aug. 20 Alzheimer Support Group Meets 6:00 a.m.
- Aug. 26 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Ray Goodship from Alberta  
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

## **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.*

***The bulletin today is dedicated in appreciation of Padre Deb for her dedication, compassion, and her faithfulness at St. James United.***

***We will miss you.***

***Phyllis Robinson***

## **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 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 \$ 30,339.74 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 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.*

**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.*

### ***Opening Prayer***

God, as we gather this morning, give us grace to truly seek you. Free us from the cares that claim our thoughts and fill our hearts. Calm the fears that chill us to the core of our being and drive us to despair. Break through the complacency and the boredom in which we often take refuge. Awaken within us the sweet longing for your holy presence. Fill us with your steadfast love and we will rejoice in you, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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**Hymn** VU#356 – Seek Ye First the Kingdom

### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Source of wisdom and understanding, you seek to fill us with your Spirit of truth, but we choose to live foolishly and give our hearts over to the folly all around us; you yearn to fill us with your Spirit of power, but we choose the path of weakness and ignore the opportunities you provide to seek justice and mercy. Offer us your Spirit once more, Holy One, that we may be filled with your glory and know the wisdom of your Son, who leads us into life. Amen.**

*(time for silent confession)*

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

Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering life in Christ's name.

**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, we are just plain, ordinary people gathered here this morning in Saint James United Church to meet with you and to receive your

Word. We pray that your voice will be heard in liturgy, song, scripture, and preaching. Amen.

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## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Scripture*                Ephesians 5:15-20  
                                  John 6: 51-58

### *Meditation*

*Music for Reflection*     *Marg Beattie*

*Hymn*                VU#359 – He Came Singing Love

## **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 wisdom and understanding, for your glorious deeds that inspire our actions and feed our creativity, we give you our thanks and praise; for your wondrous works that warm our hearts and enlighten our minds, we give you our gratitude and worship. May these gifts be bread and blessing for a world in need of your grace. Amen.**

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*Minute for Mission*     *(printed)*

### *Announcements*

*Communion Hymn*     VU#467 – One Bread, One Body

### *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

The Spirit of God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Choral Benediction* MV#219 – Ameni

*Postlude*

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*Scriptures for August 26, 2018*

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Ps 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

**DONATIONS**

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Carole Montgomery, Bob and Carol Smith, Mike and Margaret Cupples.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Shirley Gates, Leonard Wilson, Donna Opie, Cathy and Harold Simister,

A donation has been made to the Roof Fund in loving memory of John Depow by Mary Cox-Price,

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of John Depow by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.

A donation has been made to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Verna Grant by Fran Grzesik.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of John Depow by Jolene Caverhill

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Verna Grant by Neil and Jane Girdwood.

A donation has been made to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Sharon Sharpe and Brent Dimock.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving of Bobby-Lee Wright by The Patterson Cousins, Heather and Susan and families.

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them to God.**

Give thanks to our God!

**All our thanks, all our praise!**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, You were God. Outside all we know, You are God.

After all is finished, You will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets, Angels teach us their song,

Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God, our life, our mercy, our might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**

**Blest is the One who comes in your name.**

**Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies, You under the oceans,

You inside the leaves, You pouring down rain,

You opening the flowers, You feeding the insects,

You giving us your image, You carrying us through the waters,

You holding us in the night, Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,

Your hand with Moses and Miriam,

Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,

You lived as Jesus among us,

Healing, teaching, dying, rising,

Inviting us all to your feast.

On the night in which he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,

His life with the humble, His death among the wretched,  
His resurrection for us all:  
Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength,  
Your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy:

**Mercy!**

And so we cry, Glory:

**Glory!**

And so we cry, Blessing:

**Blessing!**

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.

Enliven this bread, Awaken this body,  
Pour us out for each other.  
Transfigure our minds, Ignite your church,  
Nourish the life of the earth.  
Make us, while many, united, Make us, though broken, whole,  
Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,  
Our Table, our Food, our Server,

Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,  
Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,  
Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,  
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now, Praise tomorrow, Praise forever.  
And so we cry, Amen:

**Amen!**

The bread of life.  
The cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Prayer after Communion*

**For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.**

*Hymn*            VU#642 – Be Thou My Vision

*Grace*            VU#549 – For All Your Goodness, God

*Commissioning and Benediction*

God who is faithful, sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

**We go with God's blessings to be a blessing to the world.**

God, who is wise, sends us forth to be honest and just.

**We go with God's blessings to be a blessing to the world.**

Go with God to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen.**

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