

Saint James United Church

April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

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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. Shirley DeMerchant 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

Opening Hymn: VU # 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Call to Worship

Joy is in the air. Christ has risen!

We will not find Jesus in the tomb. He is risen!

Where shall we look?

How will we recognize the risen Christ?

Look to your neighbours

And the strangers on the street.

There, we will find the risen Christ, Alleluia!

On this glorious Easter morning we proclaim

Christ, is Risen. Alleluia!

Blessing and Sending Forth

*Peace be with you,
the peace of resurrection.*

*Peace be with you,
the peace of Christ.*

*Peace be with you,
the peace of faith.*

*And may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you and abide with you.
this Easter and forevermore. Amen.*

Choral Benediction

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

Postlude

SAVE THE DATE

April 25th Drive Through Roast Beef Dinner
To replace Bell Tower at the Kirk Church

April 27th U.C. W. Rally

May 3rd / 4th Spring Yard Sale.

Lectionary Readings for April 28

Acts 5: 27 - 32

Psalm 150

Revelations 1: 4 - 8

John 20: 19 -31

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful
believers:

loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
striving to be his faithful servants
in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, God incarnate
and the price he paid for us.

On the night before Jesus died,
he took a loaf of bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and said,
"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance
of me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup,
saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this,
whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup

Distribution of Communion Elements

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life

Jesus Christ, the Cup of Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

We are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to share the hope
and joy found in you.

We are now commissioned to:

forgive as we have been forgiven

and love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "Alleluia" Christ is Risen"

Opening Prayer: (together)

*In this moment of mystery,
in the moment of hope,
in this moment of life, loving God-
open our hearts to the wonder!
Open our senses to the possibilities!
Open the tombs that we've created,
and show us that they are empty
of what we've come to expect,
but full of the new possibilities.
Alleluia! Let it be!*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission (Printed in Bulletin)

Hymn: MV # 121 "Hey Now, Singing Hallelujah"

Sunday School Easter Presentation

Surprise---A Play About God's Love

Time of Soul Searching

Jesus told the disciples

*"Love one another,
like I have loved you."*

Christ tells us-

*"Love one another,
like I have loved you."*

How does Christ love?

With forgiveness.

With compassion.

With challenge.

With strength.

How are we to love?

With forgiveness.

With compassion.

With challenge.

With strength.

*As Christ's People,
and as we live Christ's love,
we worship God:
Creator/Love.
Christ/Love.
Spirit/Love.
Alleluia!*

Scripture Sharing Acts 10:34-43
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

Message

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Presentation of the Offering Special Music
"Hands, Left and Right" Choir and Sunshine Singers

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 (together)

**Every heart that beats,
every hand that moves,
every life that's lived in joy just proves
the gifts you've given, God
Every song we've sung,
every silence felt,
every prayer that's offered,
as we stood, sat, or knelt
is our loving thank you, God!
Bless this moment. Bless this day.
Bless these gifts, God, we pray. Amen.**

Communion Hymn VU # 468 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

EASTER COMMUNION LITURGY

This is the table of the risen Christ. This is not the table of this congregation; nor is it the table of The United Church of Canada, or of any particular denomination. It is the table of Jesus Christ. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith and long to live justly and in peace with God and their neighbour, are welcome here. Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in the faith, and for the sake of the world.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,
you are beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
Source of Life, Living Word, and Unconditional Love,
you are creative and self-giving.
Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

Through fear-filled days and aching nights
when the powers of death have done their worst,
your love has never deserted us.
Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;
your presence never fails us,
your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,
risen from death to life.

The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name:

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr.21 Easter Service with Communion 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
- Apr.23 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers 6:30 p.m.
- Apr.24 Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Apr.25 Riverside Court 10:30 a.m.
Roast Beef Drive Through Dinner 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
By Donation Proceeds to replace Bell Tower
at the Kirk Church in Northampton
Roast Beef, Gravy, Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Roll and Apple Crumble.
- Apr. 27 U.C.W. Rally Registration 9:30 a.m.
- Apr.28 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
Reveal of Secret Pal.

JUST A REMINDER *Due to many people suffering from allergies, 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.*

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 endeavor 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Caring for Families

Our gifts for Mission & Service support work with parents and children on the autism spectrum, like Footprints 4 Autism. With programs located in Pickering and Whitby, Ontario, Footprints strives to provide respite care to as many as possible.

Having a child diagnosed with autism can be one of the most stressful situations a parent faces. Both the child and parent must learn together how to identify, prepare for, and manage the variety of behaviours that make up the autism spectrum. These might include impaired cognition and communication, social deficits, frequent tantrums, and other challenging behaviours that often lead to physical and emotional exhaustion for all involved. Faced with such overwhelming stress and barriers, many parents of children with autism find themselves unable to cope. Respite care can help ease some of the burden on these families, ensuring that, for a few hours each month, they can enjoy a short but much-needed break from the 24/7 care these children require. The respite also allows parents to pay extra attention to their other children, spend some time together, run errands, or just have some down time.

Many children affected by autism spend several hours a week in therapy classes and often do not have a lot of time for social play and to just be. Under the guidance of trained volunteers who are supervised by a trained program consultant, Footprints offers participants social interaction with others in a safe and happy environment.

Your gifts to Mission & Service make respite care for parents and recreational play for children on the autism spectrum possible.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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 **May 20, 2019**. 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.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR

May and June..are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

C.E. CENTRE AND KITCHEN

The Board of Stewards have decided the next project will be a new floor in the C.E. Centre and Kitchen. The cost will be \$ 7,500.00. We have \$ 1,460 donated already.

All donations would be greatly appreciated. We invite the congregation to contribute donations through their church envelopes in which receipts will be issued next year. This project will be taking place in the early spring.

SPRING YARD SALE

FRIDAY, MAY. 3rd, 2019

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 4th 2019

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!

Set-Up will be April 29th until May 2nd.

Volunteer workers would be appreciated

for set-up, clean up, and working

the two days of the sale.

LENTEN PROJECT

As our project the congregation will be gathering items to send to the Philippines. Lana McKay's daughter-in-law is from there and these boxes will be sent to her family to distribute to those in need. A list of needed items will be in our bulletins.

The Sunday School children will be asked to bring in used or new story books and school supplies. The next container ship will leaving mid June so our project will be extended until Easter. It costs \$ 160.00 per large box. For shipping so monetary donations are welcomed. Charge is by size, not weight.

Summer Weight Clothing

Men's

Children all sizes

Small

Children's Raincoats, rubber boots, umbrellas

Towels, facecloths, bar soap

Dish towels, dish cloths

Tablecloths

Kitchen Utensils, plastic bowls

Pillow cases, and sheets

Material

School Supplies

English books

Paper, pens, pencils, erasers,

Crayons, colouring books,

Activity books

Toys

PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM

This is a great time of year to sign up for our PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM! If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DETAILS.