

Saint James United Church

May 12, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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 Bev Sharpe, 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 – Sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song

Rise in me; I rise in you,

Roll the stones away.

Love in me flows through you.

Light the fire, I'm free.

Call to Worship

One: As we gather here today, on this 4th Sunday of Easter, we bring our hearts.

All: Hearts that search for the good and keep it in the world.

One: We bring our minds.

All: Minds that are open to the power and love we seek.

One: We bring our bodies, ourselves.

All: To be strengthened by your Spirit and by your presence.

One: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 12 Morning Worship/Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

May 14 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers 6:30 p.m.

May 15 Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

May 19 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Intergenerational Sunday, kids will stay in church
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

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.

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.

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.

*Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission*

Opening Prayer (together)

Wondrous God, you touch our lives with healing and justice. New life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship together nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn – VU 166 “Joy Comes With the Dawn”

Special Music – “Slow Down” Chelsey Phillips

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (together)

Merciful God, you have made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love is inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem “Brother James Air”

*Scriptures Acts 9: 36-43
Psalm 23 Voices United page 749
Revelation 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30*

Message

Music for Meditation

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn - VU # 710 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Invitation to the Offering – Offertory MV #191

*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

Our Heavenly Father, by your generosity we have received all that we have and all that we are. Grant that we may so use the things you have entrusted to our care, that we may become more and more your children in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn - VU #271 579 "The Church is Wherever"

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction – Sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song

*Rise in me; I rise in you,
Roll the stones away.
Love in me flows through you.
Light the fire, I'm free.*

Postlude

The bulletin has been dedicated today in loving memory of Harold Hatfield by Lesley and Clara Hatfield.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Spreading God's Love

May 19, 2019 Intergenerational Service – Children stay in church with parents.

May 26, 2019 Believing God's Promise and Telling the Good News. Regular Classes.

June 2, 2019 Sunday School Closing. Events to be announced. Certificates will be given out.

