

Saint James United Church

August 4, 2019 Eighth 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 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 VU 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation" - verse 1 only.

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while
we are sleeping,
future needs to earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

Call to Worship

One: Dear God, as we come together on this 8th Sunday after Pentecost, let our hearts and minds be open and filled with the beauty of love and the nature that surrounds us.

All: Let us hear the song birds, feel the wind on our faces and know it is you that created it all for us.

One: Remind us that we have been given this as a gift from you and to be good stewards of this earth, your earth, our earth.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

Our congregation welcomes St Paul's Presbyterian Church for the month of August.

August 11 Morning Worship/ 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

**REMINDER: Fall planning meeting:
August 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

in the Board Room. Joan is looking for people interested in Programs for the Fall. Anyone with ideas, hearts, and hands, please come. We need you to plan Your Year!

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.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of

Bud Stewart by John and Lois Thompson,
Barb and Dave McCain, Blair and Angela Young,
Richard and Rayma Taylor, Carole Montgomery,
Royce Brown, Robert and Ellen Kee
Janet and Ken Nichols,

A donation has been made to the Building Fund
in loving memory of Bud Stewart
by Brent Dimock and Sharon Sharpe.

A donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Laurine Wright by Betty Wilson.
Barry and Heather Sharpe.

A donation has been made to the Building Fund
in loving memory of Hugh (Fred) Tait
by Richard and Rayma Taylor, John and Mary Wheelan.

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in loving memory of Ray MacDonald by Donna Opie,
Jane and Neil Girdwood.

A donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Louise Gartley by Phyllis Robinson.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of
Carl Ash by Ruby MacNabb and Fran Grzesik

All: For our greed, selfishness, and lack of caring that we sometimes show, we ask now for your forgiveness.

One: Show us the Way, the Word and the Light.

All: We are your faithful and humble servants.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Opening Prayer: (together)

Fit us, O God, for this new day. Through your Spirit, grant us courage so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us. Through your Christ, fill us with love so that differences may not divide us. Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past does not enslave us. Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life.

Opening Hymn: MV 143 "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession: (together)

Oh Creator of us all, we come today meek in our minds, humble in our spirits and thirsty to feel your power in us. Take us into your arms and hold us against the evil, tyranny and injustice that is so rampant in this world. Teach us to be calm, to rejoice in your splendour and see the good in all you do. In Jesus' name, AMEN

(Silent Confession)

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem VU 702 "In the Bulb, there is a flower"

Scriptures Hos 11: 1 - 11
Psalm 107, 1 – 9, 43 (VU p. 831 Part One)
Col 3: 1 - 11
Luke 12: 13-21

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU 296 "This is God's Wondrous World"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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 (together)

Loving God, we offer here today our tithes and offerings. Take and them with our talents to bring comfort and good for all those who are in need in this community and beyond. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU # 586 "We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection"

Closing Response

Leader: Go into the world, dance, laugh, sing and create.

All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Leader: Go into the world, risk, explore, discover and love.

All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Leader: Go into the world, believe, hope, struggle and remember.

All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Choral Benediction: VU 646 "We Are Marching"

*We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching, marching, we are marching
marching, we are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching, marching, we are marching
We are marching in the light of God,*

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Joint Search Committee will be holding a **Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.** for the purpose of presenting a candidate for the position of Full-Time Minister. We encourage everyone to attend this very important meeting regarding the next step in the Faith Journey of Saint James."

SCRIPTURE READING FOR AUGUST 11TH

Isaiah 1: 1, 10 – 20

Psalm 50: 1 – 8, 22 – 23

Hebrew 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16

Luke 12: 32 - 40

DR. HETHERINGTON SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient of the Dr. Hetherington Scholarship for 2018-2019 was Sung Jun Lee.

(see thank you letter posted on bulletin board).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SIGN CHANGING

Looking for a volunteer to look after our church sign weekly starting in the fall to change the announcements. Please let Mary know if you would like to take this on.

C.E. CENTRE AND KITCHEN

The Board of Stewards have decided to wait on the floor project in the C.E. Centre and Kitchen as we have not reached the goal of \$ 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 at a later date.

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 19th, 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. **See Alzheimer News Letter on Bulletin Board in Lobby.**

TO ALL OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS

The United Church is looking for Photos for the United Church Calendars and the Bulletin Covers.

I have posted the information on the bulletin board outside my office. Please feel free to take a copy as to procedure and dates to send in.