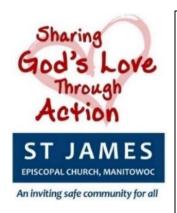
Welcome to St James Episcopal Church... We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

- Masks are <u>optional</u> for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may
 participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is appropriate any*time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of
 the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.)

This Worship service will be live streamed on YouTube. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please let Tony Karl or an usher know so we may accommodate you. Our current and previous videos may be viewed online live or any time after: go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – April 30, 2023The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Today's Worship leadership includes... **Ministers** Members of the Congregation Readers 1—Bob feller 2 — Sherry Paszkiewicz 3 — Dave Dillman Mary Green Eucharistic Minister Marian Doszkewycz Acolyte Celebrant The Rev'd Brian Staude (Pastor Brian), Transition Pastor Worship Coordinator Tony Karl **Pianist** Barb Cook Altar Guild Glenn Davidowich Counters/open/close Mary Green (open) / Tony Karl & Chris Couris

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

**Wardens* (council leaders): Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

**Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl Treasurer: Linda Molitor** Transition Pastor: Pastor Brian Staude**

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77BO** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Tony Karl or Pastor Brian.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back.

Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests during the Prayers of the People or at the time for other special prayers, so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The office, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

Welcome! The Celebrant welcomes the people before the procession.

All who are able, please stand. It is customary to turn and bow/nod as the procession passes.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

[Renew #247]

Lord the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, light of the world shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire; Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into your radiance, By the blood I may enter your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire; Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness. So our faces display your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire; Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music, adm Integrity's Hosanna Music.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and

worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People AMEN!

Glory to God in the Highest Setting: R Powell [Hymnal #s280/in front section of hymnal] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN!

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your

people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy

Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People AMEN!

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 42 through 47.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have

anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

Reader 2

A reading from the First Letter of Peter, chapter 2, verses 19 through 25. It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel John 10. 1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated as the Celebrant returns to the front.

Sermon Pastor Brian

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

ΑII

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

Reader 3

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! Love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns. We pray for the entire Body of Christ. We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For the household of faith, the church of the risen Christ, we pray:

People

Be with us and bless us, O God.

Reader 3

We pray for our nation. God of hope, teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the many of privilege who determine the destinies of others. Lead us not only to share our wealth, but to enter with hope into the poverty of those who do not share our good fortune. For our nation and for our common good, we pray:

People

Be with us and guide us, O God.

Reader 3

We pray for the whole world. God of creation you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Give us the eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic patchwork. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the

bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your peace and goodness and vision to all people. For the welfare of our world, we pray:

People Be with us and unite us, O God.

Reader 3 We pray for this community. God who came to earth as one of us, help us see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with him we remain ready to kneel with basin and towel before each other and before those you continue to bring into our midst. For our community we pray:

People Be with us and help us, O God.

Reader 3 We pray for all who suffer. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort. For all who suffer and struggle, we pray:

People Be with us and heal us, O God.

Reader 3 We pray for all who have died. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope. For all who have entered new life in Christ's resurrection, we pray:

People Be with us and raise us, O God.

Reader 3 We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud... The people offer additional prayers at this time.

For confidence to offer all our needs and concerns up to God, and for growing gratitude in all we receive, we pray:

People Be with us and renew us, O God.

Glorious Lord of Life, we praise you, that by the wondrous resurrection of your Son, you have delivered us from sin and death and made your whole creation new; grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

All AMEN!

You may remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through

our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the

grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the

power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People AMEN!

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let the Celebrant know.

Celebrant At this time, I invite anybody who has or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward to the rail. I also invite you to come forward if you need prayer for healing, travel, or another need.

The following prayers are said even if nobody present is celebrating.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

The Celebrant blessings each one individually, then offers this general blessing.

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All AMEN!

Please be seated.

Announcements All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.

Celebrant Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern

or use one of the handheld microphones.

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate. We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins. All who are able, please stand.

[Hymnal #460]

Alleluia! sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise; "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

[Hymnal #s130/in front section of hymnal]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: from Deutsche Mass, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr Richard Proulx (b 1937).

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... Eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Celebrant elevates the bread and the sanctus bells are rung.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The Celebrant elevates the cup and the sanctus bells are rung.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him,

and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,

Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN!

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us

from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

[Hymnal #s164/in front section of hymnal]

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: from *Deutsche Mass*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr Richard Proulx (b 1937).

The Celebrant elevates the bread and the cup.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. The words of a prayer of Spiritual Communion appear on-screen for those who are participating with us online.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present.

The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup (on the left) or intinct (dip) the bread into the bowl on the right. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

ΑII

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Blessing for Easter Season

Celebrant As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us

and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant May Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep

your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant And the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be

upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

All who are able, it is customary to turn and face the rear as the Celebrant and others pass by.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

[Hymnal #376]

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907. Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

Sending

Celebrant Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs after worship for our Search Team's Community Workshop.

Our special offering in the month of April is the Rector's Discretionary Fund; please label gifts accordingly.



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Recurring Schedule

Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

We're using Brian McLaren's **We Make the Road by Walking** for our current scripture discussion. A few copies are available, or you can order online. **No class 4/30.**

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. Join us any weeks you are able! We have a rotation of facilitators.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799 When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 # When prompted for Participant ID, press # When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube

4/30—4th Sunday of Easter
5/7—5th Sunday of Easter / Mental Health Awareness
5/14—6th Sunday of Easter / Mother's & Mother Figures
5/21—7th Sunday of Easter / Companion Diocese

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

When needs arise...

During our transition and search, the Wardens (Chris Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green) and Vestrypersons (Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, along with our new Transition Pastor, The Rev'd Brian Staude.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Brian (contact info at top of page).

For other general questions about the church, please contact Chris (contact info at top of page).

If you need supplies ordered, please contact Tony Karl. If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

St James Community Workshop 4/30

Join for our St James community workshop on April 30. We'll get to work in the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10AM Worship and lunch will be provided.

Members of the Vestry and Search Team will be present to

listen and discuss where we as a community have been and where we hope to head in the future. This will be the primary opportunity for everyone to share their ideas, hopes,



and concerns as we travel on our journey of transition.

Large group and small group discussion will be part of the workshop, which is expected to last 2-3 hours (stay as long as you are able). An option to provide your feedback and input in written form will also be available.

If you have any questions, please talk to any of the Search Team members: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green (Chair/Vestry liaison), & Stephen Phillips.

Barb Cook plays at Rahr West 5/4

St James member Barb Cook occasionally shares her musical gifts at the Rahr West Art Museum (610 N 8th St)., filling the exhibition wings with the rich and soothing tones of the beautiful baby grand piano in the Ruth West Gallery. Barb's next performance time will be at 10AM on Thursday, May 4. This is a free event and open to the public. If you have any questions, talk to Barb.

Scout bake sale 5/7

Emily from the Girl Scout troop that shares our lower level did a wonderful job sharing information about her Gold Awards Project during Worship on April 23. Part of her fundraising will be a bake sale, which she'll hold in the Fellowship Hall on May 7.

SAVE THE DATE: Dine & Discuss with L.U.V. 5/16

On Tuesday, May 16, we'll gather from 6-8PM once again with our friends from Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.) for a food, sharing and discussion. More details and sign-up sheet available next week.

Forward Day by Day devotion books

Quarterly devotion books in two sizes from Forward Day by Day are available to pick up on the wall rack in the back of the Sanctuary. Leave an email or voicemail at church if you'd like a copy delivered to you.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. Our special offering for the month of April goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.

Vestry Notes

- Our next Congregational Chat will take place after Worship on Sunday 5/14. Topics will include updates from the Search Team & Stewardship Team and info from the Ecumenical Ministry Group.
- Pastor Brian has started a series of livestreamed devotional videos on our Facebook page, usually at 10AM Mondays through Wednesdays. View this and other content at facebook.com/sjecmanitowoc
- We're now being intentionally more active with our Facebook page. Check it out if you haven't in awhile.
- We recently received an estate gift that the Vestry had previously been planning to use for needed technology improvements, signage, etc. Due to our current budget shortfall, we are instead holding this as a cash reserve in a money market account. (It has been our practice to keep the details of such gifts private unless something is specified with the gift.)
- We welcomed The Rev'd Brian Staude as our Transition Pastor, effective April 1. A letter was mailed to every household, with extra copies in the back of church. The letter was also emailed and shared on Facebook.
- If you have any ideas for ongoing or one-time programs, events, ministries, or projects, please share them with the Vestry: Nick Doszkewycz, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, Mary Green, Tony Karl, Linda Molitor, and Pastor Brian Staude.
- Please continue to pray for our rector Search Team and their important ministry for our congregational future: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green (Chair), and Stephen Phillips, along with diocesan shepherd Cathy Cowling.

Bishop Matt's series of teachings

Our 2022 Diocesan Convention requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved. His first six installments available at the link below. Several printed copies are available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary, along with the previous update. Bishop Matt invites feedback. anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com

Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Family of Clayton Tess, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Marty, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Ruby G, Diane C, Mark H, Sharon, Mary Lynn, Mandi M, Jeff L, Chris Couris & Family, Mary Burckle & Family, Erin & Family, Lucy M.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mike & Michelle S, Mary, Sandee & Harry.

Serving in the Military: Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's, New London; Mvuma Mission District, Masvingo; In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the trialogue taking place among them. For our Rector Search Committee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat; may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Pastor Brian and Barb Staude; our Vestry (Chris, Mary, Nick, Joan, Tony, and Linda); other ministry leaders, our paid and volunteer staff; and every person connected to our congregation. In the wider church we pray for our Bishop Matt Gunter, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and their families. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and 2nd Bishop of Masvingo Osiward Mapika.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, James L, Hugh F, Matthew Couris (Chris Couris's father), Betty Van Alphen (Mary Burckle's aunt), Troy, John and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 4/29 Joan Estes; 5/20 Doris Hansen; 5/23 Pat Hanson

Anniversaries: 5/9 Mary Jean & Todd Reckelberg; 5/15 Barb & John Cook; 5/20 Marian & Nick Doskewycz.

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).

Book Group 5/24 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

St James has our book discussions on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our next book discussion will be on May 24th. Please join us in person at 7:00 pm or on ZOOM. We shared thoughts, ideas, and laugher during our book discussion this past Wednesday. We will be reading *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro for our next gathering

In the novel narrated by Klara, a robot, provides companionship to a young, sick girl. The girl has been genetically altered to improve her academic performance. This is timely book as we have all heard in the past few months about AI - "Artificial Intelligence" and what it might be able to do AND about the possibility of changing human genes.



1115 Washington Street INFO~ 920.663.2786

Donations of baked items for the Garden Faire bake sale are appreciated.

Thursday, May 25th- 11am to 5pm 1226 Washington St. 920-652-9952

Brats and Burgers, Chips and Soda (Pre-orders welcome)

Hand Crafted Garden Art by the PPC Crew Huge variety of Plants and Vegetables!

All items by Donation
(all proceeds will benefit Painting Pathways Clubhouse)

Province V update

Our Senior Warden, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, shares:

A few weeks ago I was privileged to attend the Province V in-person Board Meeting at Holy Wisdom Monastery as the Diocese of Fond du Lac representative. I will be posting some information on Province V, to explain how it affects our congregation.

I am not a historian but if you have questions as I add pieces please ask and I can research the answers. Province V is one of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA). The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion, a worldwide association of churches with the roots in the Church of England.

Province V is comprised of the dioceses located in the Midwest, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, southeastern Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Members of the Province V Board are both clergy and lay persons.

The Episcopal Church in in the Midwest has a long history that dates back to the early 19th century, with the establishment of the first Episcopal in the region in 1835 in Michigan. Over time, more dioceses were established and they eventually came together to form Province V. The Organization was known as the Western Diocesan convention from its formation in 1853 until 1940 When it became Province V.

The purpose of Province V is to provide a regional structure for the governance and coordination of the Episcopal Church in the Midwest. This includes facilitation communication and cooperation among the dioceses in the region supporting the work of the national Episcopal Church, and promoting growth and development of the Church in the Midwest. The Province also provides a forum for the discussion of issues affecting the Church and its mission, and works to foster unity and common purpose among the dioceses in the region. The organization of workshops and conferences is a function that provides resources for Christian Education and formation and advocating to social justice issues and support of the ministries in the Diocese.

Province V serves as an important support network for the discuses within the region and helps promote unity and collaboration among Episcopalians in the Midwest and Great Lakes areas.

