

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

- Sanctuary fans are positioned to maximize coverage for overall comfort. When the fans are on, please leave them as they are. Move toward the center aisle if less wind is more comfortable for you.
- Masks are optional 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 sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. 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. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please sit in the back left of the Sanctuary (the area closest to the Chapel). Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion. Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday / LGBTQ+ Awareness



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Mary Green
	2 — Mike Laughrin

<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Marian Doszkewycz
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook

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):

Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

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-77B0** 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 Amma Diane.

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 of the church.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). 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 offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The candle display in front of the Sanctuary represents our grief and prayers for victims of gun violence.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** [Hymnal #362]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826. Tune: *NICAEA*, John Bacchus Dykes, 1861.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

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!**

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

LGBTQ+ Awareness

Celebrant The Catechism of The Episcopal Church reminds us that in Jesus, we find that the nature of God is love, and that through baptism, we share in his victory over sin and death. When we regularly celebrate the renewal of our baptismal covenants, we are reminded that we strive to respect the dignity of every person and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As a denomination, The Episcopal Church has made great efforts to be open and affirming to many people who some see as “the other”. This includes our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual siblings. Collectively, the broad spectrum of differing sexual orientations and gender identities is often referred to as the LGBTQ+ community—though other variations of that acronym are also used.

June is a time in the United States when LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated, with events throughout the month in many cities across the nation. Pride events help promote the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of the community, as opposed to the oppression, discrimination, violence, shame, and social stigma experienced by so many at various points in their lives.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people ages 10 to 24. Lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth are five times as likely to have attempted suicide compared to heterosexual youth. FBI data indicates that hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity have continued to increase, with even higher rates among LGBTQ+ victims of color. US states continue to debate legislation targeting trans youth. Many youth and adults are still disowned by family and friends when they come out. Many suffer a disproportionate rate of homelessness.

The Episcopal Church began the journey toward full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons starting in 1976, with steps that led to us being an open and affirming denomination that embraces LGBTQ+ persons as members, leaders, and clergy. We are able to recognize the fruits of the Spirit in the LGBTQ+ persons in our midst. At St James, one of our core values is that *"We value acceptance and open-mindedness."* We expand upon that with *"All people need a place where they can feel safe and have a sense of belonging. We value differences, embrace brokenness, and see God in all who we encounter. 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. We offer support, encouragement, and forgiveness to all people."*

As the Body of Christ and as Americans we have much to celebrate when it comes to our treatment of LGBTQ+ persons. We also have much to grieve in our past and improve upon as we move forward.

Celebrant We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of other people in our lives.

People **Each of us is created with dignity and worth.**

Celebrant We are called to love one another and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

People **We honor the many ways that people live and love.**

Celebrant Our common life is enriched when lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth can live and learn without fear in their schools, homes, and communities. Our life is enriched when LGBTQ+ persons can feel safe in their workplace, neighborhood, and community.

People **True justice flourishes when all people can live with authenticity and integrity.**

Celebrant We repent of our silence in the face of cruelty in our schools, communities, and government. Our silence leads to death.

People **We weep at this senseless loss of life.**

Celebrant We suffer when LGBTQ+ persons are oppressed, excluded, and shamed by religious people who overlook the fundamental call to justice in our scriptures. We repent for the times when our faith traditions have named these fellow human beings unworthy. We repent for the times, including now, when this cruelty is enshrined in our laws.

People **Love does not exclude. We are all worthy.**

Celebrant May we work to build a community and world where LGBTQ+ people are celebrated as full and equal members, recognizing their many gifts, and loving them as children of God.

People **We celebrate the diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity as a blessing that enriches us all.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God our Creator: We believe that the Body of Christ is an imperfect but well-intentioned collection of souls. Even though we often fail to understand your Gospel, even though we often lack the courage to take risks for justice, even though we have not always welcomed your beloved outcasts, still we see that you have not abandoned us. For we believe that you still hope in us. Help us to be a better community. Send us into the world as the loving, liberating, life-giving people you imagine. All this we ask in the name of your Holy Trinity. AMEN!**

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Proverbs 8, verses 1 through 4 and 22 through 31.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she
cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live."

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of
long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of
the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there
were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had
been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth--when he had not yet
made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he
established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the
face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he
established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its
limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he
marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a
master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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 Canticle 13: A Song of Praise.

All Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

New Testament

Reader 1 A reading of Romans chapter 5, verses 1 through 5.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

John 16. 12-15

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

Prayers of the People

- Reader 2* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
- People* **For our families, friends, & neighbors, & for those who are alone.**
- Reader 2* For this community, the nation, and the world;
- People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Reader 2* For the just and proper use of your creation;
- People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Reader 2* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
- People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.**
- Reader 2* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
- People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
- Reader 2* For the entire Body of Christ, near and far.
- People* **For all who serve God and God's Church.**
- Reader 2* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;
- People* **For your mercy is great.**
- Reader 2* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;
- People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Reader 2* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
- People* **Who put their trust in you.**
- Reader 2* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
- All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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!**

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 Amma Diane know.

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

All 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.

All 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!

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!

All who are able, please stand.

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.

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

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries *Congregational sharing.*

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the mail slot, 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.

All who are able, please stand.

Womb of Life and Source of Being

Capo 1: (G) (Am) (C) (G) (Em)
A^b B^bm D^b A^b Fm



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,

(C) (Dsus)(D) (G) (G7) (C)
D^b E^bsus E^b A^b A^b7 D^b



rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;
sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,
be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us
On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,

(Am) (Dsus)(D) (Am)
B^bm E^bsus E^b B^bm



you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,
know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our
whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;
one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your

(C) (G) (Am) (G) (D) (Em)
D^b A^b B^bm A^b E^b Fm



gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en
aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er

(Bm) (D) (G) (G7) (C) (D7) (G)
Cm E^b A^b A^b7 D^b E^b7 A^b



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

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.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN!**

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

All **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!**

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 Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to those present and those watching online and give instructions. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with God's blessings, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

People **Alleluia! AMEN!**

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of God's presence.

People **Alleluia! AMEN!**

Celebrant May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed.

People **Alleluia! AMEN!**

Celebrant And may 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!**

♪ **Thou, Whose Almighty Word** [Hymnal #371]

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight,
heal to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind, let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove, speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1813. Tune: *MOSCOW/ITALIAN HYMN*, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

Sending

Celebrant Created in the image of God, go into the world:

People **We will go to bring new life to all!**

Celebrant Followers of Jesus, go into the world:

People **We will go to bring healing to all!**

Celebrant Gifted by the Spirit of grace, go into the world:

People **We will go to work so all may be one, as God is one!**

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 refreshments, snacks, and conversation.**

Thank you for your support! Gifts may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank.

There are also online giving options on our web site at mySJEC.com/donate.

June's special offering supports the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.



**BULLETIN
INSERTS**

June 12, 2022 – Trinity Sunday A Season of Prayer for Revival

The Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians everywhere to mark the season after Pentecost with 30 days of

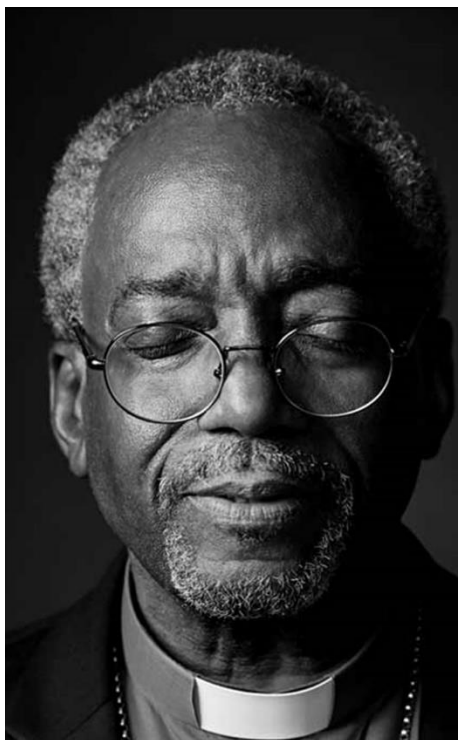
prayer leading up to and encompassing the 80th General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

“A Season of Prayer for Revival”—from June 12 through July 11—will feature daily prayers drawn from the Book of Common Prayer. Individuals can sign up online (iam.ec/soprsignup) to receive the prayers and inspirational messages via email. The prayers will also be posted daily on social media accounts for The Episcopal Church and Forward Movement.

“As we move toward and adapt to a shorter, smaller General Convention, I invite every Episcopalian—whether you’re in Baltimore or Alaska or Honduras, whether you’re a deputy, a bishop, or a new member sitting in the pews—I invite all of us to pause each day just for a moment to pray for the expansive, reviving power of the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds,” Curry said. “We are people of common prayer; may we embrace this season as an opportunity for us all to become a church that truly lives, looks, and loves like Jesus.”

The 80th General Convention is scheduled for July 8-11. Today’s prayer from A Season of Prayer for Revival: *Almighty God, you have revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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During June, Americans and people around the world observe Pride... I am mindful that Pride is both a celebration and a testament to sorrow and struggle that has not yet ended... I offer special thanks to God for the strength of the LGBTQ community and for all that you share with your spouses, partners and children, with your faith communities, and indeed with our entire nation.

~ Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

**A SEASON
OF PRAYER
FOR REVIVAL**



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any pastoral care or other needs.*

**Masks are optional for all church activities.
Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!**

Recurring Schedule

Book Discussion Sundays 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

UPDATED! No discussion on 6/12. The Sunday morning discussion of the book *Looking for God in the Messy Places: A Book About Hope* by Jake Owensby concluded on 6/5. Another book discussion will start soon. Talk to Amma Diane for more details.

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

6/5 The Day of Pentecost

6/12 Trinity Sunday: LGBTQ+ Awareness

6/19 Pentecost 2: Fathers & father figures

6/26 Pentecost 3: World Refugee Day observance

7/3 Pentecost 4: Independence Day weekend

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.

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

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]

Please share your photos for our upcoming service remembering fathers & father figures

Due June 15—Please send photos for our June 19 service of your grandfathers, fathers, sons, spouses, or yourself... other relatives, friends, and people from our church... or anybody else who has been like a father, spiritual or otherwise, in the lives of you or your loved ones. We'll also reuse photos from last year unless we hear otherwise from you. **Send photos by June 15.**

Please share your photos to be included in slideshows during our Worship services. Send in as many as you like. We'll also re-use photos you shared last year unless we hear otherwise from you. As with photo requests for our previous Worship services, we do not include names or other identifying information for privacy. Please send your photos to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl (email them to info@mysjec.com, text them to him, or give them to him and he can scan them for you). **Please send your photos as soon as possible.** Thanks!

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries

Help us grow the St James Tree of Life! One of our sub-goals is to *"Regularly celebrate the mission, service, and ministries of individuals, inviting them to share these experiences to educate and encourage others"*.

We invite you to sign up for a date to share briefly (1-3 minutes) about any mission, service, or ministry you are involved in through St James, another organization, or in your own way. You can share what you do, why you became involved, and anything else you'd like to add. If you're involved in more than one mission, service, or ministry, we invite you to sign up to share on more than one date. It's okay if more than one person shares about the same thing on different dates. Thanks!

If you have any questions, please talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Tony Karl, or Amma Diane.

Thanks for your support!

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

UPDATED! Vestry Notes

- Work in the Chapel will be completed soon.
- In June we'll be adjusting the positioning of our pews, rotating them inward at a small angle. This is to help enhance our feeling of being in community while we worship. This plan was discussed by the congregation several times previously and delayed for a few years due to COVID and other work.
- We will be installing a new mailbox by the State St glass doors and eventually making our 8th St door for emergency use only. This is to increase safety.
- As decided in December, we will be paying off the 50% of our \$3000 pledge to Painting Pathways Clubhouse with money from our Outreach Fund.
- We will be hosting some movie-watching events at St James in the near future. If you have suggestions for days/times you prefer, please let Amma Diane know.
- We're resuming work on previously delayed parking lot labyrinth and little free library projects.
- Financial reports are posted outside the office.

Next Vestry meeting will be on Zoom at 5PM on 6/28.

"Helping Our Neighbors" mission project

The poverty rate in Manitowoc is about 14%, and hunger continues to impact families and individuals. Over the



next few months, we invite you to bring non-perishable food, hygiene products, and personal care items to donate as often as you are

able. We'll have a collection spot in the front left of the Sanctuary near the piano (similar to what we did in Advent), and volunteers will periodically deliver these items to Peter's Pantry. If you'd like to contribute financially, label your gift "Helping Our Neighbors" (checks payable to St James).

New sanctuary fans

New fans have been purchased and set up around the perimeter of the Sanctuary. Fans are positioned to provide maximum circulation for overall comfort. When the fans are on, please leave them set as they are —do not move, adjust, or turn off. If it is too drafty for you near the outer aisles, please move toward the center aisle while the fans are in use. Thanks!

Sunday Fellowship time

We've resumed Fellowship time with snacks and refreshments after Worship every Sunday. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. As we transition back to this, we invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week. Over the Summer, we'll determine if we want to adapt this as we move into the Fall. **We invite everybody to take turns helping with the simple clean-up—there is a sign-up sheet in church.**

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Len & Margaret, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Sid, Shelley, Karleen, Judy M & Misty, Al, Richard, Lisa B, Mike, Bishop Matt & Leslie, Pete, Tony C., Dave, Donna, Nancy T, Brian M.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Susie, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Joy's grandson.

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints Chapel, Elkhart Lake; St Faith Mission District Mudoti, Masvingo. We pray for the Diocesan Summer Camps starting June 19. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. 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: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and the appointment of Reverend Friar Fungayi Nyandoro as the Vicar General of Masvingo Diocese until a Diocesan Ordinary (Bishop) is elected.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley, David Johnson, Gary Drohman, Mitch, all who have died as a result of gun violence.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 6/4 Amma Diane Murray; 6/9 Jill Short; 6/15 Sally Hunner; 6/22 Sandra Olson; 6/28 Peggy Turnbull; 6/29 David Grams.

Anniversaries: 6/3 Hugh & Liz Foster; 6/6 Murray & Nancy Sim; 6/11 Chuck Wernecke & Dianne Wilson; 6/16 Bob & Peggy Turnbull; 6/19 Karleen & Skip Cole; 6/29 Mike & Sharon Laughrin.

Ordination Anniversary: 5/23 Amma Diane

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact

Guns, Myths, Redemption, & Conversion

by Bishop Matt Gunter, Diocese of Fond du Lac

The conversion to Christianity of European peoples with strong warrior cultures was slow and convoluted. The hold on the imagination shaped by the pagan mythology of the warrior hero was strong. Myths die hard because myths give meaning. Perhaps the conversion was never complete in the first place.

Those who say America does not have a gun problem, but a sin problem are actually onto something. We do have a sin problem. We have a sinful imagination problem. A sinful myth problem. What those who say we have a sin problem, not a gun problem miss is that guns and our infatuation with guns and the potential violence they represent are a manifestation of the Sin at the heart our imagination/mythology. We are in the thrall of the notion of redemptive violence, i.e., violence is normal, in some situations good, and often necessary to "save the day". Violence is redemptive and salvific. It presumes that some people who resort to violence are simply "good". Most of our fictional heroes, from Westerns to superheroes, resort to it and we glory in it. We recount it in our history. It pervades our entertainment. It excuses vigilantism. I admit that I, too, am fascinated by aspects of the mythology of the warrior. I have a sin problem.

I am referring to "myth" here not a something that some people believe that is untrue though that is certainly the case for much that is part of the myth of redemptive violence. What I mean by myth is a narrative or set of narratives, some more or less historical, some fictional, that are told and retold to make sense of our lives and the world in which we live. More than just stories, myths are symbolic. They give our lives meaning and shape our imaginations and our sense of right and wrong. Through our myth(s) we understand who we are and how the world works. This is partly what C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien meant when they referred to Christianity as the "true myth".

The myth of redemptive violence is not the true myth. It is but a continuation of the old pagan myth of the violent warrior hero who slays the enemy. It is a bloody redemption. But not the blood of the cross. The myth of redemptive violence is at odds with the truth myth of redemptive sacrifice and love we see in Jesus. But it remains compelling. It continues to shape our imaginations even of Christians. We might go to church. We give thanks that Jesus died so we don't have to go to

Hell. But in our heart of hearts we often still worship the quite different god whose name is Ares, Mars, Tyr, etc. Do we really want a savior who looks like Jesus or one like Beowulf or John Wayne or Dirty Harry or Batman? When we imagine ourselves as martyrs in the way of Jesus or warriors- in the way of the warrior? The pagan myth of redemptive violence shapes our imagination and how we engage the world. And it persists.

This is partly due to a bad or at least an incomplete theology of the cross and redemption, i.e., Jesus died only to deliver us from Hell, from God's vengeance. That theology is too narrow to account for the fullness of the witness of scripture and tradition. It also leaves the myth of redemptive violence unchallenged. It misses the point that in the death and resurrection of Jesus Death itself is

defeated and with it the fear of Death. If Death itself is defeated in the death of Christ, then protecting ourselves from Death, whether our ultimate physical death or all the little deaths along the way, is unnecessary. Even more, it is an unfaithful witness to what Christ has accomplished. It reveals a lack of trust in the resurrection. Because Death is defeated, we are free from fear and free to imitate Christ, free to turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it (Psalm 34:14) with non-defensive, non-retaliative patience, gentleness, generosity, hospitality, forgiveness, etc. That is where Christian conversion takes us. It is a reordering of our myths, our imagination, our values, our behavior. Otherwise, our conversion is incomplete.

We have a sin problem. But another problem with the myth of

redemptive violence is that it does not take sin seriously enough. In fact, it mostly denies that the one exercising redemptive violence on our behalf is all that much of a sinner in any radical sense. In our fantasies, that includes ourselves potentially being the violent savior hero. Either way the hero, however flawed, is the good guy and the enemy is clearly the bad guy. Christianity, though, asserts that even if we get our theology right and are as close to Jesus as we can be and rejoice in whatever healing and forgiveness we have experienced, we will still be infected with sin. This is true even if we are as sure as we can be that our cause is just. Our hearts are still prone to selfishness, greed, deceit (not least, self-deceit), and violence. *Our hearts. My heart. Your heart.* Not just the "bad" guys. If we believe in sin at all, we believe it is pervasive and universal. There are no "good" guys. Even the best of us is prone to being a bad guy at crunch time. We all need redemption. We all need conversion.

And so, the myth of redemptive violence makes it hard



Statue of Mars, Hotel National des Invalides, Paris

to see the need for repentance and conversion. It allows us to presume that our violence is good and our cause is always just, simply because they are ours. It makes it easy to assume that our security or freedom are all that matters. It excuses, even celebrates, vengeance. It allows us to pretend that we do not belong to one another – even to our enemies. It creates a social environment in which violence is acceptable, to be expected even. It allows us to presume our own innocence. It minimizes or ignores the awesome gravity of the taking of any human life – the very image of God. It minimizes or ignores the savagery, suffering, and trauma inherent in all violence and experienced on all sides. It excuses or pardons whatever "excesses" of violence are committed by our hero. Or denies them. It suggests that some people's suffering and trauma don't matter as much. Or even that they don't really count as people on the same level as us.

And that is where it really gets hard for us. Because the myth of redemptive violence is often interwoven into the way we like to imagine our nation's history. And we are resistant to acknowledge sin and the need of repentance there. But there is nothing redemptive about the violent taking of the land and decimation of native peoples. Or the violence of slavery and racism. Or the violence against minorities and new immigrants. And given the pervasiveness of sin it would hard to argue, from Christian perspective, that every war any country including America has fought has qualified as a just war. Fundamental to Christianity is self-reflection, confession, and repentance. Such things are anathema to the pagan myth of redemptive violence.

It might be, given our broken and sinful humanity, that under certain prescribed and circumscribed circumstances a degree of violence as a last resort is necessary and therefore just. But that violence is reserved for those trained and authorized to exercise it under the law and with discipline and dispassion (there are reason the rest of us are called civilians). We are grateful for their service. Even so, that use of violence the is a concession to tragic human reality shaped by Sin and not something – for Christians, anyway – to bless, revel in, or glorify.

Still, we have a sizable portion of our fellow citizens – in the political society of the Church as well as the political society beyond – who are enchanted by the mythology/theology of redemptive violence and vengeance. That myth won't just go away. Myths die hard because they give meaning. Attacking them head on might not be the most effective strategy. We need to advocate for reform of our gun laws and ensure that weapons are in fact "well regulated". But the problem that needs addressing is much deeper. It goes to the heart of what makes so many think that the idea that sinful unregulated civilians should possess weapons designed to kill humans is a good one. Our hearts and imaginations need healing. The myth of redemptive violence needs to be addressed. And we need to help each other as we wean ourselves from it. It is about conversion.

An opportunity from a Province V partner: How to Start a Gun Violence Prevention Ministry

The Diocese of Missouri is hosting this event on Zoom on Wed, June 22 at 6PM. All from Province V are invited to participate. Please register for the Zoom at www.diocesemo.org/events/ (scroll down to "How to start a..." event link)

Have you been wondering how to respond to the gun violence? It starts with prayer. We pray for peace, for an end to gun violence, we lament the devastation that it brings, but we often wonder what to do next. We can do more than we imagine. You are the expert on your congregation and situation, and you have all of the gifts and tools that God has given you to engage in the work of nonviolence and peace-making. What's more, each of us is a part of the Body of Christ, and together we can do more than we envision alone. Join a conversation designed to share inspiration, encouragement, and concrete ideas for doing the work of gun violence prevention in your community. Bring your hopes, fears, and determination to make a difference. We will, with God's help.

Led by The Revd Rosalind C Hughes, author of *Whom Shall I Fear? Urgent Questions for Christians in an Age of Violence* and Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Euclid, Ohio, a small parish which is nevertheless hosting a Gun Buyback and Guns to Gardens event in June 2022.

Please pray for upcoming General Convention (7/8-7/11) & Lambeth Conference (7/26-8/8)

The 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church will take place July 8-11 in Baltimore, MD. The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. The Convention is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies, which has more than 800 members, and the House of Bishops, which is comprised of nearly 300 active and retired bishops. The Convention meets every three years and has the authority to amend the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; adopt the budget for the church for the next three years; authorize liturgical texts and amend the Book of Common Prayer; adopt communions and covenants with other churches; set qualifications for orders of ministry and office-holders; elect officers of the General Convention, the Executive Council, and members of boards; and delegate responsibilities to the interim bodies of The Episcopal Church. The schedule has been shortened this year due to COVID.

The 15th Lambeth Conference will take place July 26–August 8 in Lambeth, England. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican branch of Christianity. The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. With the theme of 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together,' the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.

Province V “Big Provincial Gathering” report

by Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Senior Warden

On April 28-30, the second-ever Province V “Big Provincial Gathering” (BPG) took place in South Bend, Indiana. Cheryl Dobrzynski, Mother Merdyth Albright, and I (Chris Eggert-Rosenthal) attended this exciting and educational event.

Our Big Provincial Gathering, which takes place every two years, brings together Episcopalians from throughout our region for fellowship, worship, and collaboration on projects across diocesan boundaries. Province V is comprised of the



Midwestern dioceses of the Episcopal Church (Chicago, Eastern Michigan, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Indianapolis, Michigan, Milwaukee, Missouri, Northern Indiana, Northern Michigan, Ohio, Southern Ohio, Springfield, and Western Michigan).

Thursday, April 28 was devoted to different, day-long training sessions on these topics: Civil Discourse & Advocacy, Intergenerational Efforts in our Churches, Addressing Suicide in our Ministries, and Teaching Children about Anti-Racism and Messy Church. On Friday morning and all day Saturday, there were numerous shorter workshops on topics too numerous to mention here, but they included Dismantling Racism, Creating Historical Archives within Congregations, Creation Care, Lay-Led Congregations, and Campus Ministries. There were also meals together (breakfast, lunch & dinner), an energizing Eucharist, and even a dance party on Friday evening! There will be another Big Provincial Gathering two years from now, in 2024, so give thought to attending the next one.

And in the meantime, you can participate in the ongoing work of Province V by joining one or more of our Provincial Networks, which meet monthly over Zoom and which address some of the same subjects that were covered in the BPG workshops. All are welcome. Becoming Beloved community is an action item and there are opportunities. Also consider your own current local activities to Love One Another.

I’m including a list of Province V Networks, and more information is available online www.provincev.org. There is also a Province V Facebook page for additional information. You can also talk to me, Senior Warden Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, in person, on the phone, or by email (cnor1101@yahoo.com). I represent the Diocese of Fond du Lac on the Province V Executive Board.

PROVINCE V Networks

Anti-Human Trafficking

convener: Cheryl Gray, Ohio

board liaison: Edie Wakevainen, Michigan

Archivists

convener: Newland Smith, Chicago

board liaison: TBD

Clergy Spouses

convener: Charles Zaucha, Chicago

board liaison: Laura Jackson, Chicago

Creation Care

convener: Catherine Duffy, Southern Ohio

board liaison: Rick Stanitis, Northern Michigan

Dismantling Racism

convener: Susie Shaefer, Michigan;

board liaison:

Intergenerational / All-Ages Worship

Convener: Miranda Hassett, Milwaukee

board liaison: TBD

Lay-Led Congregations

convener: Tammy Prather, Milwaukee

board liaison: Matthew Buterbaugh, Milwaukee and Jan Goossens, Springfield

Migration Ministries

convener: Silvia Huth, Michigan and Jack Lloyd, Chicago

board representative: Lesley MacKellar, Indianapolis

Ministry in Resort Communities

convener: Dave Penniman, Western Michigan

board liaison: Katie Forsyth, Eastern Michigan

Prison / Jail Ministry

convener: TBD

board liaison:

Public Theology

convener: Marcia Ledford, Michigan and Jim Warnock, (Northern Indiana)

bishop: Doug Sparks, Northern Indiana

board liaison: Christopher Hillak, Northern Indiana

Recovery Ministries

convener: Debbi Rhodes

board liaison:

Suicide Prevention

convener: Kathy Mank, Southern Ohio

board liaison: Betty Bowersox, Missouri

Youth

coordinator: McKenzie Knill, Eastern and Western Michigan

board liaison: Joel Turmo, Western Michigan

Young Adult / Campus Ministry

interim coordinator: Stacy Alan, Chicago

board liaison: Rick Stanitis, Northern Michigan