

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

- 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 – May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter – Mothers & Mother Figures

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God's Love
Through
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ST JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC
An inviting safe community for all

Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Mary Green
	2 — Pat Hanson
	3 — Richard Hall
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal
<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.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **That Easter Day with Joy was Bright** [Hymnal #193]

That Easter day with joy was bright: the sun shone out with fairer light
when to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed, his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Easter-tide;
from ev'ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Words: 5th century Latin, trans JM Neale, 1852. Tune: *PUER NOBIS*, adapt Michael Praetorius, 1609.

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** [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!**

Setting: Robert Powell

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.

A Prayer for the Day

Celebrant Eternal God, we thank you today for the relationships in our lives. We especially thank you for our family relationships. We are grateful for the love and nurture and joy that family life brings us. Yet we also acknowledge that our families sometimes bring us pain. So, we pray today for those who struggle with broken and strained family relationships. On this Mother's Day, we give you thanks for our mothers, for all they have done and continue to do in our lives. We pray for all mothers—help them, Lord, to be a blessing to their families. We pray for those whose mothers have died and who feel grief on this day. We also remember those who wanted to be mothers but could not be. And we pray for those who have been like mothers, spiritual or otherwise, in our lives. Most of all, God, we thank you for being like a good mother to us, showering us with love, compassion, forgiveness, and encouragement. We thank you and ask your blessings on our worship today, through Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Acts chapter 9, verses 36 through 43.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner."

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.

All The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your 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.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Revelation chapter 7, verses 9 through 17.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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. 22-30

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

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

Celebrant At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Amma Diane

Slideshow: Mothers & Mother Figures

Celebrant We'll now watch a slideshow of photos shared by our congregation of mothers and mother figures.

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

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

All **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 On this day when we also remember mothers, let us offer our prayers to Jesus, the son of Mary. Because on this earth we are all sons and daughters of Eve, let us pray for the whole world and the church universal, that we might behold each other as sisters and brothers.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 As Rebecca gave birth to Jacob, and in so doing she gave birth to a whole nation, let us pray for our nation and state, and for all in authority.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 As Rachel's son Joseph was mistreated, beaten, and wrongly jailed, we pray for all in this world who are in trouble of any kind. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the victims of war and all who live in terror's wake.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 As Hannah, the mother of Samuel, went to the House of the Lord to pray with earnest integrity, we earnestly pray for those in this community.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 As Naomi took Ruth into her home, we pray for those who act as surrogate, spiritual mothers. We pray with gratitude for all those who give the gift of love and nurturing.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 As Elizabeth gave birth in old age, and as she saw her son John the Baptist carried off to persecution, we pray for all those who are sick, those who are suffering, and those with any needs.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 And, as Jesus's mother, Mary, stood by the cross and watched her son die, we pray for the dead and dying.

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 We lift up all those on our prayer list, and others we remember now:

People **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her brood, we offer to you our prayers. Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who mother, and give all mothers your comfort and strength. And help all of us, sisters and brothers, to be your family on earth, as we shall be in Heaven.:

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 Let us confess our sins to God.

All **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!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please stand 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!**

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.*

Offering Our Gifts

Celebrant Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at 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.

♪ Come, Celebrate the Women

1. Come, cel - e - brate the wom - en who brought the Church to birth!
 2. The teach - ers, saints and moth - ers who lived and died un - sung
 3. Daugh - ters of the dis - ci - ples, you weave the sto - ry still,

the gen - tle rev - o - lu - tion that shall trans - form the earth;
 kept safe the gos - pel sto - ry and taught it to the young;
 the fab - ric of the fu - ture with warmth and love and skill,

whose faith was salt and leav - en, whose hearts and minds were free,
 the Christ child Ma - ry cra - dled, the liv - ing Word to be
 you make the bread of whole - ness, the wine of har - mo - ny—

and this was their di - rec - tion—to peace and u - ni - ty.
 was cru - ci - fied for plead - ing this peace and u - ni - ty.
 and all shall share your feast - ing in peace and u - ni - ty!

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:

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** [Hymnal #s130/in front section of hymnal]

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

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."

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."

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.

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,

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!**

♪ Lamb of God

[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).

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 **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!**

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!**

♪ **God of the Women Who Answered Your Call** [see back of bulletin]

Sending

Celebrant Go forth now in the Name of Christ! Go into Manitowoc County... Go into your own neighborhoods... Go to unknown lands and places... Go where God's name is well known, and where it has yet to be known... Go to those who welcome you, and to those who reject you... Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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May's special offering supports Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.

♫ **God of the Women Who Answered Your Call**



1. God of the wom - en who an - swered your call,
 2. God of the wom - en who walked Je - sus' Way,
 3. God of the wom - en long put to the test,
 4. God of the wom - en who ran from the tomb,
 5. O God of Poe - be and min - is - ters all,



trust - ing your pro - mis - es, giv - ing their all,
 giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray,
 left out of stor - ies, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
 prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,
 may we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



wom - en like Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth,
 Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - na, and more,
 qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"
 then felt your Spir - it on Pen - te - cost Day,
 Give us the strength of your Spir - it so near



give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
 may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
 In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
 may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
 that we may share - in your min - is - try here.



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any pastoral care or other needs.*

COVID update: as of 3/2/22, masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!

Recurring Schedule

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

We're discussing the book Looking for God in the Messy Places: A Book About Hope by Jake Owensby, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana. His work focuses on the spirituality of everyday life. Owensby's blog is JakeOwensby.com The book is broken down into sections and is a fairly easy read. We anticipate 6 – 8 weeks of discussion. You do not have to have read the book before the discussion begins and you can join or not our Sunday morning discussions as you are able. Let Amma Diane know if you'd like a copy or purchase one in your preferred way.

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

5/8: Easter 4—Mother's & Mother Figures
5/15: Easter 5—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.

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
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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]

NEW! Help with St James Spring Clean-up June 4

Please come to St James to help work on outside and inside clean-up projects from 9AM to about 1PM on Saturday, June 4. All are welcome! We'll have a variety of tasks for people of different ages and ability levels. Depending on weather, volunteers can rake and work on other yard work, clean windows, and attend to indoor projects. Supplies/equipment are provided, but feel free to bring your own if you have favorites. If you have any questions, please talk to Pat Hanson (920-242-9434).

Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 5/13

Our next monthly fellowship gathering will take place at 9AM on Saturday, May 13. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at St James (bring your own food/snacks, if you like). A Zoom option is available for those who can't be present in-person. All are welcome!

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 822 4207 3112#
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/fellowship

"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).



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!

Sunday Fellowship time update

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.**

Vestry Notes

The Vestry gathered in person for our Spring Retreat on 4/23 and our monthly meeting on 4/26. Highlights:

- Vestry orientation and development.
- Walkaround of the exterior and interior of our building to develop a needs and projects list.
- Goal to complete work in Chapel by Memorial Day weekend, then move on to other projects on our list.
- Pat Hanson will coordinate a church clean-up day, with tasks for all ability levels outside and inside. Details will be available soon.
- Introducing ongoing "Helping Our Neighbors" mission project (*see separate announcement*) and looking into another project with local school(s).
- Resuming work on previously delayed parking lot labyrinth and little free library projects.

Next Vestry meeting will be on Zoom at 5PM on 5/24.

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 May goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.**



Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Mitch, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Len & Margaret, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, for the family of Nelson, Sid, Shelley, Jim & Stacey, Karleen, Joanne.

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

Serving in the Military: Jordan, 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, Madagascar and missionary families. 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 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.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Shirley, Nelson, Bethany, Shawn, Jody Rice-Milski.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 5/4 Mayra Short; 5/7 Noah Short; 5/7 Owen Short; 5/20 Doris Hansen; 5/23 Pat Hanson.

Anniversaries: 5/6 Leonard & Margaret Coombs; 5/9 Mary Jean & Todd Reckelberg; 5/15 Barb & John Cook; 5/20 Marian & Nick Doszkewycz.

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 Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

Book Group meets 5/25 at 7PM (Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 25 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams. Our book for 6/22 will be *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Amma Diane.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Scrip available

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (2-10%, varies by retailer). The proceeds we receive are used for mission projects. Retailer list/order forms are available at church. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

Summer Camp opportunities

Registration is open for the Diocese of Fond du Lac's Summer Camp taking place at Waypost Camp. Our diocesan camp welcomes persons of all ages and faiths to learn more about God, community, and themselves while having lots of fun! Those who are age 4 through 12th graders and some adults with younger children attend as campers. Those who are adults as well as older youth may serve on the volunteer staff.

Senior Camp (those completing grades 9-12) is June 12-18 and costs \$475. Middler & Junior Camp (those completing grades 6-8 or grades 2-5) is June 19-24 and costs \$395. KinderCamp (ages 4-7 with an adult) is June 24-26 and costs \$155. Financial assistance is available—talk to Amma Diane if you're interested.

Waypost Camp is located on Mission Lake near Hatley, Wisconsin (about 15 minutes east of Mosinee). It offers cozy cabins, chapel, arts & crafts building, showers, bathrooms, hiking trails, gardens, open fields, low-ropes course, and modern meal facilities. The diocesan camp focus is on faith development through activities including arts & crafts, campfires, swimming, gardening & composting, field games, bread baking, boating, singing, games, storytelling, nature hikes, archery and low-ropes initiative activities. Pandemic protocols will follow CDC guidelines and Waypost Camp policy. To register:

diofdl.org/camp

UPDATED! You're Invited: Eucharistic Festival 5/13-14

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's 2022 Eucharistic Festival will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14.

Friday, May 13

-6PM Evensong at the Cathedral of St Paul, Fond du Lac

-7PM banquet, with speaker, at the Hotel Retlaw in downtown Fond du Lac. Cost is \$55 per person. Banquet is served buffet style. **The deadline for the Friday banquet has passed, but we may be able to still get you in. Call us at 920-830-8866.** Accommodations are available at the Retlaw for those who'd like to spend the night.

Saturday, May 14

-11AM Festival Eucharist with guest homilist and Benediction at the Cathedral at 11AM.

-Followed by Bishop's Picnic and Cathedral Tours.

All are invited to attend any or all of the Festival activities. **You are asked to RSVP for any of the events you plan to attend. For more info or to RSVP, please visit: [Diofdl.org/ef](https://diofdl.org/ef)**

The Homilist and Banquet Speaker will be Dr Elizabeth (Liza) Anderson, a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN. A graduate of Swarthmore



College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and peace studies, she earned a master's degree from Trinity College Dublin in ecumenical studies, graduated from Harvard Divinity School, and completed her PhD in religious studies at Yale University. Liza's research focuses primarily on the languages, literatures and histories of Middle Eastern Christianity and on Muslim

-Christian dialogue. She has taught at seminaries in the United States, Ukraine, and Iraq, and has also studied Arabic and Islamic theology in Yemen, Morocco and Egypt. She has served the Episcopal Church in a variety of roles, including the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the General Board of Examining Chaplains, the Liberian Covenant Committee, and on the churchwide Executive Council. She is the Vice President of the North American Academy of Ecumenists and has been an active member of Religions for Peace USA, the North American Interfaith Network, and Christian Churches Together in the USA.

"Join us on one or both days, as together we celebrate the diocesan family and our life together in Christ." ~Bishop Matt Gunter