

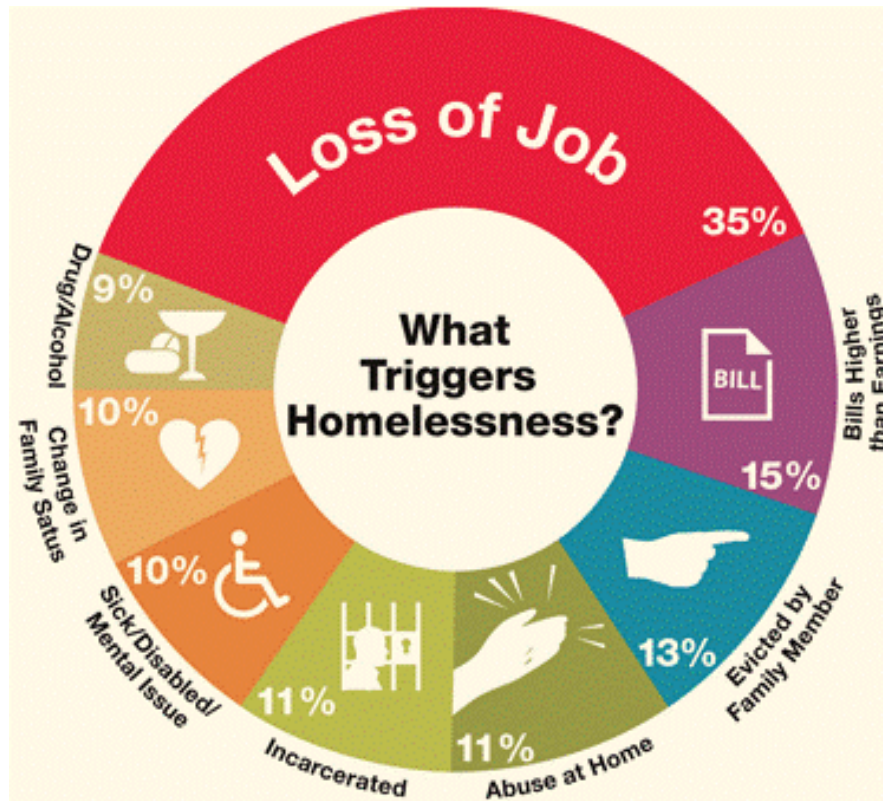
Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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 let Amma Diane or an usher know. 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 – October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Homelessness Awareness

Sharing
God's Love
Through
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An inviting safe community for all

Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Pat Hanson
	2 — Karleen Cole
	3 — Glenn Davidowich
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Richard Hall
<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.

♪ God Is Here!

[Renew 5]

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

Here is honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

Remembering Those Affected by Homelessness

Celebrant God, who calls us by our name, in whose image we are made... God, who does not pass us by, who hears the cries of the poor... God, who isn't impressed by our savings, properties, and pensions... God, who has given us unique talents, skills, and gifts to share:

People **Come in from the cold, make your home in our hearts.**

Celebrant Jesus of no fixed address, come into this house, your home. Take refuge and shelter with us here.

People **Your feet must be tired, your heart must be heavy. Sit down with us, Lord. Tell us your stories, open our eyes to you. Make your home in our hearts. AMEN!**

Celebrant Each day, thousands of individuals, youth, and families in the United States wake up without a place to call home. Over 550,000 Americans are homeless on a typical night. Affordable housing is at risk, and in many communities, non-existent. Youth under 20 are forced to live on the streets or shelters. Families are forced out of their homes, with limited to no resources to provide a roof for shelter. The Bible calls us to shelter the homeless and feed those who are hungry. Many Christians are making a difference through advocating for affordable housing, supporting shelters and transitional housing, and participating in social service programs. In Worship today, we remember those affected by homelessness in our community and our world.

Reader 1 Those who are homeless can be seen in doorways, in bus stations, in parks, and on the roadside. They can be found in abandoned buildings, in shelters, and in parked cars. In the hustle and bustle of our lives we walk by them, for they are invisible to us.

People **O God, help us slow down our fast-paced lives and give us the strength to open our eyes to those who are homeless.**

- Reader 2* They are the men, women, and children of all background who, due to unfortunate circumstances, are left without a place to live and food to nourish them.
- People* **O God, you call us to help them, as best we are able.**
- Reader 1* They have stories rich in both joy and sadness to tell. They seem voiceless, because we are too involved in our own lives to take the time to listen.
- People* **O, God, please help us to find the courage to stop and listen to the stories of your people.**
- Reader 2* Often they are lonesome, with very few people willing to care for them or to provide them with the warmth they deserve.
- People* **O God, help us to open our hearts to accept your people whom society has abandoned.**
- Reader 1* They are your children. They are similar to us. They too have hopes, dreams, desires, and aspirations.
- People* **O God, help us open our minds so we may recognize all on the earth as your people.**
- Reader 2* These are your people filled with your love and goodness—although often overlooked.
- People* **O God, open our minds to allow us to see the beauty in all of your people.**
- Reader 1* They frighten us because we do not know their stories. They frighten us because deep down we know that we can easily become one of them.
- People* **O God, forgive us for our fears and help us to remember that your light shines through them just as brightly as it shines through any of your children.**
- Reader 2* Let us offer our repentance as citizens and as the Body of Christ.
- People* **Reconciling God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world that form great divisions between the haves and the have nots; the housed and the homeless; the well fed and the hungry; the rich and the poor. For our own actions and inactions which contributed to these divisions we ask your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, and make us new. Send your reconciling love into our lives and communities to heal divisions and restore relationships. Compel us to work daily for a world made new by your redeeming love. AMEN!**

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Genesis chapter 32, verses 22 through 31.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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 121.

All I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will not let your foot be moved the one who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, the Lord who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; The LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; and shall keep you safe. The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of 2nd Timothy chapter 3, verse 14 through chapter 4, verse 5.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation

through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Luke 18. 1-8

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

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

Celebrant Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Amma Diane

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: The Way of Love

Reader 3 Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors, that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died rest in peace and rise in glory.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us in to live as your Beloved Community in this age and in the age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 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.

♪ **O God, You Give Welcome**

O God, you give welcome; you care and provide.
You cherish each person with love reaching wide.
We're made in your image and so hear your call
to humbly reach out with a welcome to all.

Yet near us are families with no place to stay
and children who won't have a good meal today.
Your will is for justice where everyone thrives;
may we build communities, strengthening lives.

Bless children who wish for a permanent place
and youth who are longing to have their own space.
Bless parents who feel that they're struggling alone;
may we share their journey to find a new home.

Bless houses of worship we use a new way,
as classrooms are turned into places to stay.
Bless kitchens where dinners are gladly prepared
and each sacred space where your welcome is shared.

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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 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!

♪ Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service [Renew #286]

Jesus Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.

As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship into service, forward in your name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your children, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth 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.

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



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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

Bible Study Sundays 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Join this 12-week Bible study discussion of the book of Hebrews. Talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions.

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
10/16 Pentecost 19: Homelessness Awareness
10/23 20th Sunday after Pentecost
10/30 21st Sunday after Pentecost
11/6 All Saints Sunday
11/13 Pentecost 23: Veterans & Military
11/20: Christ the King Sunday

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—Wed at 4:30PM (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]

Dinner/Storytelling with L.U.V. 11/1

St James has a long history of learning about and loving the “other”. Embracing diversity has been an important part of our congregational identity, and we’ve strengthened that through discussion groups, bible studies, video studies, sermons, and our Becoming Beloved Community series the past 3 summers. Lakeshore’s United Visionaries (L.U.V.) is an organization dedicated to uplifting the lives of marginalized individuals. They started to form in May 2020, and their goal is to recognize intersectional identities through allyship, awareness, education, understanding, and love.

On **Tuesday, November 1 at 6PM** we’ll gather in the fellowship hall with representatives from L.U.V. We’ll start with a meal at 6PM, then continue at 7PM with storytelling and discussion for 60-90 minutes. St James is a safe space for people to share their stories and have their stories honored. The goal is to learn about diversity in our community and to form more connections within our community. If there is interest, this could lead to more gatherings or other next steps. There is a sign-up sheet in the church, for those who want to attend, as well as those who’d like to help set up, cook, and/or clean up.

NEW! Barb Cook directs chime choir at Rahr-West 11/5

The Felician Village Hand Chime Choir, under the direction of Barb Cook, will be sharing a program of seasonal songs on Saturday, November 5 starting at 11:30AM. The event takes place at the Rahr West Art Museum (610 N 8th St), and the annual table setting exhibit will also be on display. Admission is free but donations are welcome to the museum. Barb is a member of St James who regularly shares her musical gifts on the piano.

NEW! Monthly congregational chat 11/6

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 11/6 for the third of our monthly congregational chats. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. Topics on 11/6 will include: 1) brainstorming ideas for 2023 (*what are projects, programs, events, ministries, building work, etc you would like us to explore for 2023*); 2) Clean Energy Project info and sharing other ideas for creation care; 3) recruiting for acolytes/servers ministry and altar guild.

We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

All Saints Sunday 11/6

In early November we take time to remember and celebrate our family and friends, our sisters and brothers in Christ, and the saints in the broader church who have preceded us. Worship will include time to remember others, as well as candle lighting and other traditions to help us remember our unity through time and place as the Body of Christ. **Join us at 10AM on Sunday 11/6 as we celebrate All Saints Sunday.** It is one of the major Feast Days of the Church, and one of four days especially appropriate for Baptisms, and we'll take time to remember our own Baptisms.

Episcopal 101 program 11/7

Episcopal 101 is a 3-hour program designed for newer people in our congregation and is also a good refresher course for long-time members. Through discussion, video segments, and handouts we'll look at Christianity, Anglicanism, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and our own congregation. All materials are provided. **Episcopal 101 will take place Monday, November 7 from 4-7PM** in the Fellowship Hall (in-person only). Feel free to bring any snacks/food/beverage you like. This program is facilitated by Tony Karl—please talk to him if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the church—if you are unable to make the 11/7 program, please indicate that so Tony can follow-up with you to schedule an additional time(s).

Stolen Summer movie viewing 11/12

We're going to re-introduce regular gatherings to view movies together at St James. Based on your feedback at our 9/4 Monthly Congregational Chat, we'll offer these at a mix of days/times you suggested as we move throughout the year. **Our first movie viewing will be *Stolen Summer*, a 2002 drama film about a Catholic boy who befriends a terminally ill Jewish boy and tries to convert him, believing that it is the only way the Jewish boy will get to Heaven. We'll gather from 9-11AM on Saturday, November 12.** This will be our monthly fellowship gathering for November, (in-person only since we can't show the movie via Zoom). Feel free to bring any snacks/food/beverage you like.

Honoring Veterans and Military 11/13

God calls us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers", and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. There are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; times when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag.

Join us for **10AM worship on Sunday, November 11**, which will include a time of remembrance, recognizing, and honoring veterans and those currently serving. Invite any veterans or currently serving military you know to join us for this special day.

Thanksgiving at St James 11/24

We're re-introducing our tradition of Thanksgiving at St James. We gather for **Worship together at 10AM**. After worship we will gather for **fellowship and games in the fellowship hall** as some of the food is being prepared. **At Noon we will share in a pot-luck style Thanksgiving meal.** This celebration is open to the family and friends of St James. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. Please talk to Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have any questions.

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 October goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.**

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 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 share more than once. It's okay if more than one person shares about the same thing on different dates. Thanks!

If you'd like to share something, please let Amma Diane know on the day you'd like to share.



"Helping Our Neighbors" mission project

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

Book Group 10/26 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10/26 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. We hope to see you either on Zoom or in person.

Our book for 11/16 will be *Cokie: A Life Well-Lived* by Steven Roberts. 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 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, or 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]

Meals On Wheels

America's seniors are lonely. And, as a nation, we've allowed them to fall into the shadows. Families are living farther away, and neighbors are more strangers than ever before. We all have the power to help change that.

Meals On Wheels has been guided by a single goal since the first known U.S. delivery by a small group of Philadelphia citizens in 1954 – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective social movements in America, currently helping nearly 2.4 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country.

Nearly 7.4 million seniors have incomes below the poverty line. Half of seniors living alone lack the financial resources to pay for basic needs. That's an income of \$240 a week or less, which, after housing, utility, and medical expenses, leaves very little for food.

St James Episcopal Church has been involved with Meals On Wheels for a long time and we are joined by others in the community. About every 5 weeks we go to the Senior Center at about 10:30 and pick up both hot and cold foods, already prepacked, plus milk. We go to Park View Haven next to Piggly Wiggly, Valley View Apartments, Manitou Manor Apartments, and River Hill Apartments, all north of Reed Ave.

We deliver the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable Manitowoc's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. If you are interested in helping with Meals On Wheels, or trying it out, please talk to Eleanor Agnew or Amma Dianne



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, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Shelley, Karleen, Mike, Tony C., Dave, Nancy T, Brian M, Sharon, Connie & Harley, Mary Ann, Gregg, Ken, Mary Beth B., Lisa B., Anne, Mayra, Karen K., Richard, Brad & Lizzie, Linda, Xavier, Connie, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Nick

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 St. Peter's, Ripon and St Peter's Mission District Mutoredzanwa, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de 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 Ven. Osiward Mapika, Bishop-Elect.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley, Margaret & Leonard, and all those who have died as a result of gun violence

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 10/1 Julie Jenkyn; 10/1 Nick Doszkewycz; 10/8 Barb Cook; 10/11 Cadance Sleger; 10/18 Marissa Sleger; 10/21 Cindy Dillman

Anniversaries: 10/8 Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen.

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).

Manitowoc Warming Shelter



We're a group of local congregations, organizations, agencies, and other caring people joining together to provide overnight shelter and meals to adults during our cold winter months. We need your help!

The Manitowoc Warming Shelter is projected to open in mid-November 2022 for the season. We plan to initially be based at First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th St in downtown Manitowoc.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like more info about ways you can help, please visit our web site:

manitowocwarmingshelter.org

WHAT WILL VOLUNTEERS DO?

Training provided for all volunteers. Options to help include:

- ♦ **Evening set-up: 7:00pm to 8:00pm**
- ♦ **Check-in guests: 7:30pm to 9:00pm**
- ♦ **Three shifts options for overnight shelter attendants: 8:00pm to Midnight, Midnight to 4am, and 4am to 8am**
- ♦ **Morning clean-up: 7:30am-8:30am**
- ♦ **Daily food service coordinated by Grow It Forward**

You can also contact Pastor Matt Sauer for more information about ways to support this program: matt@mcmunited.com or 920-860-6880

WHY DO WE NEED A WARMING SHELTER?

- * Lakeshore CAP provided \$44,852 in hotel vouchers in Manitowoc County since June, 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist*
- * The three program-based shelters spent another \$4,750 in after hour housing since June 2021.
- * Individuals are typically homeless for 34 days before their situation is resolved.
- * Lakeshore CAP spent \$587,290 in WERA (WI Emergency Assistance Program) assistance in Manitowoc County for 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist.*

Our community is blessed with Hope House, The Haven, and InCourage, which provide temporary housing and support to people year-round through their wonderful programs. Manitowoc Warming Shelter is designed to provide life-saving overnight shelter for those who fall between the cracks.