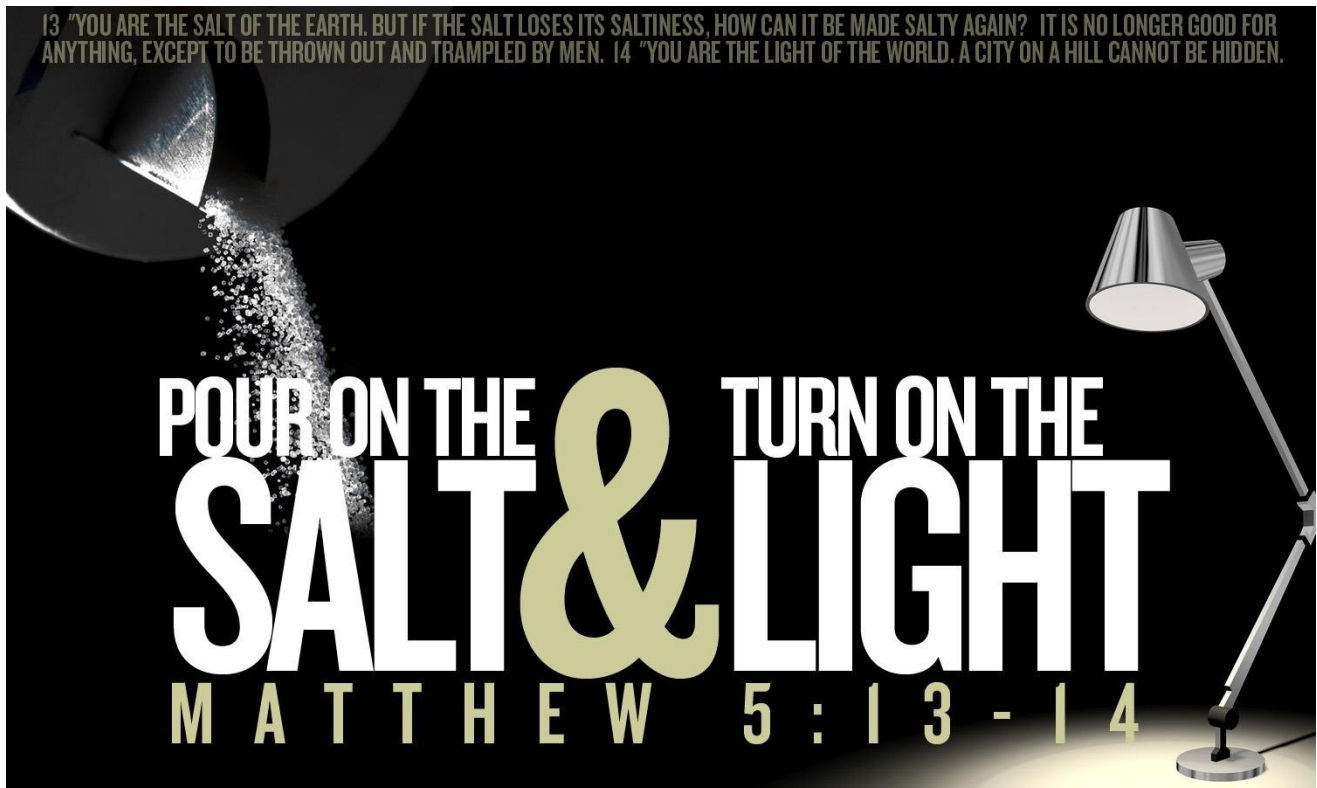


Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

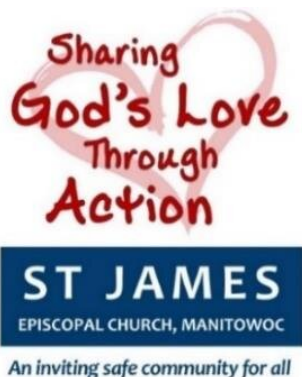
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is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

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



10AM Worship with Communion – February 5, 2023

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 —Skip Cole; 2 —Richard Hall; 3 — Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Richard Hall
<i>Acolyte</i>	Cindy Dillman
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Brian Staude (Pastor Brian)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon Laughrin & Mike Laughrin
<i>Vestry counters/open/close</i>	Nick Doszkewycz & Marian Doszkewycz

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

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):
Wardens (council leaders): Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green
Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl
Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

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 Tony Karl.

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 office, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The Rev'd Diane M Murray retired on December 31 after more than 13 years as our pastor. As we begin our transition and search process, we will arrange a mix of supply (substitute) clergy when available and also make use of our option for lay-led worship (something more prevalent in The Episcopal Church prior to 1980). Our Celebrant today is The Rev'd Brian Staude. Pastor Brian is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Episcopal Church has a "full communion" relationship with the ELCA, which allows us to share clergy.

Welcome! *The Celebrant welcomes the people.*

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** [Hymnal #135]

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou ledest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1678.

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. 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!**

♪ **Gloria, Gloria** *Sung several times; may be sung as a round* [Renew #64]

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Trad, adapt Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier ©1979 Les Presses de Taizé/GIA Publ. All rights reserved.

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Isaiah chapter 58, verses 1 through 9.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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 112, verses 1 through 9.

All **Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments! Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous**

are merciful and full of compassion. It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of First Corinthians chapter 2, verses 1 through 12.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand as the Celebrant moves to the center aisle.

Gospel

Matthew 5. 13-20

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

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

Celebrant Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated as the Celebrant returns to the front.

Sermon *Pastor Brian*

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

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

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 Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

People **God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.**

Reader 3 We pray for the entire Body of Christ, especially for the clergy and people of The Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and St James Episcopal Church.

People **Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Reader 3 We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

People **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples.**

Reader 3 We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.

People **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

Reader 3 We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

People **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Reader 3 We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life, and waters around us.

People **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

Reader 3 We lift up the prayers of our church family, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud... *The people offer additional prayers at this time.* ...God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask.

People **Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.**

Reader 3 Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may

always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All AMEN!

Reader 3 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

You may remain standing or kneel for the confession prayer.

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.

All 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 the Celebrant know.

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

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

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

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!

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

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

All AMEN!

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.*

Celebrant Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or use one of the handheld microphones.

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate.

We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

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

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

The bread and wine are carried to the altar as the music begins.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ There Is A Redeemer

[Renew #232]

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of

pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who

comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

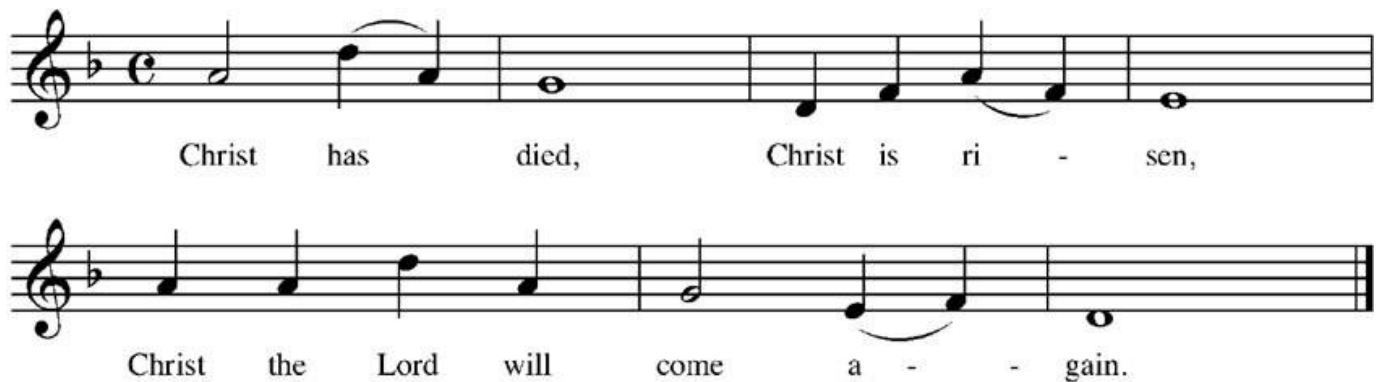
Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Celebrant Great is the mystery of faith:



Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Celebrant 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.



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!

♪ We Will Take What You Offer

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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.

At this time, the Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to all present and give instructions as needed. The bread is all gluten-free. You may drink from the common cup or dip the bread into the bowl on the right. 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!

Prayer for our Time of Transition

by Linda C Smith-Criddle

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

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

Blessing

Celebrant May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ **Will You Come and Follow Me** [music on next page]

Sending

Celebrant Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

**All are invited to stay in the Sanctuary after Worship
for our monthly Congregational Chat.**

**Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs
after our chat for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.**

♫ Will You Come and Follow Me

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



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For pastoral needs & other church needs

Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (*please leave a voicemail if no answer*) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

Recurring Schedule

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

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. We are engaging in a series on the Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amma Diane retired 12/31/2022

The Rev'd Diane Murray retired on December 31 after serving as our Rector since 2009. The Wardens and Vestrypersons are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (*info above*).

We will have a mix of supply clergy and lay-led worship format that we have available in The Episcopal Church.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

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

Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

Monthly congregational chat 2/5

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 2/5 for our monthly congregational chat. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. The topics on 2/5 will include: 1)homelessness in our neighborhood; 2) any new updates about our transition process. 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.**

St James/Painting Pathways 2/9—please sign up

On **Thursday, February 9 from 4-6PM we'll gather again at Painting Pathways Clubhouse** (1226 Washington St). Please join us for Potluck Supper and Game Night!

PPC will provide homemade pizzas. St James people are asked to bring side dishes, desserts, and sturdy paper plates. A variety of games will be available for those who would like to join in. Bring a friend! There is a sign-up sheet in the church to help in our planning.

Painting Pathways Clubhouse supports and empowers those with mental illness in Manitowoc County by building community and supporting recovery. PPC is one of our long-term ministry partners: several people from St James were instrumental in helping this non-profit form in Manitowoc; we've provided work opportunities; we supported the capital campaign for their new building; and we let them use our building during their construction.

Dine & Discuss 2/21—please sign up

We gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM for our Dine & Discuss series. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. Thanks to all who participated in our January Dine & Discuss with our friends from L.U.V.!

On Tuesday, February 21, we'll gather from 6-8PM for a potluck meal and our topic will be Lent. We'll learn about and share our own stories and memories about this special season of preparation for Easter. Please sign up on the sheet in church. **It is Shrove Tuesday, so pancakes, bacon, sausage, baked goods, and other rich foods are a tradition for the evening before Ash Wednesday.** (If anybody would like to coordinate a more organized meal prep for the evening, please let us know.

In March we'll be joined again by L.U.V. Let Tony Karl know if you have topic ideas for March, or any other questions about our Dine & Discuss series.

Ash Wednesday community worship 2/22 at 6:30PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. St James Episcopal Church will be joining with our siblings in faith from various churches to mark this special day. First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th, across the street from us) is this year's hosts for the 17th annual ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship service on February 22 starting at 6:30PM. Worship will include imposition of ashes, the symbolic reminder of our humanity and mortality: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Annual Meeting 2/19; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for Trustees and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 11. The deadline for advance nominations is February 5.

Vestry Notes

- The Vestry met 1/24 with Mother Meredyth Albright, the Diocesan Transition Minister, to talk about the next steps in our transition process, including discerning the formation of the Search Committee for our next Rector. We will be reaching out to invite people and appreciate all who expressed an interest.
- Even if you aren't on the Search Committee, there will be multiple opportunities for input in both survey and chat formats. Likely beginning late Spring.
- Thank you for helping us welcome Pastor Brian Staude as a supply priest with us for the first time on January 22. Pastor Brian is a local ELCA priest and will be back as part of our supply rotation, along with other Episcopal priests from our diocese.
- Thank you all for continuing to be part of this journey and for all the things you do, known and unknown.

Help for the Homeless hygiene drive through 3/12

The annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene supply drive runs through March 12 and we can join in the effort. Place personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, and deodorant in the box at church through March 13 (a full list of needs is posted on the box). The donations will be distributed to local programs and shelters which benefit the homeless and others.

Bishop Matt's series of teachings

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



UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family, Blake H, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Linda Molitor & family, Nella, Marty, Liz Foster & family.

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

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 Bernard Mizeke Parish Chiredzi, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. 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. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat; may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: 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 Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, James Landgraf (father of Linda Molitor), Hugh Foster, and all who have died..

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/10 Rick Roubal, 2/14 Candace Groth, 2/20 Mark Hunner, 2/21 Marian Flint, 2/27 Richard Hall, 2/28 Levi Short

Anniversaries: 2/14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris

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

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PROVINCE V

News from Province V - February 2023

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Opening Prayer

We weep for the gun violence

Gracious Lord who loves us so perfectly, help us to better love you and each other. We weep for the gun violence that kills children and so many others, where guns replaced prayers and homes without you bred frustration. May hearts be changed through your Holy Spirit that justice, mercy, money and, yes, even guns might be used rightly under Heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

by Episcopal Diocese of Newark
[Prayers to Stop Gun Violence /slife.org/](#)



Young Adult / Campus Ministry event

Calling all young adults! The campus ministries of Province V invite you to a 24 hour retreat at the Potawatomi Inn located in the beautiful Pokagon State Park of Indiana. This retreat will explore the theology of play through worship, discussion, games, and even a toboggan run! If you'd like to participate in the outdoor activities, bring some winter clothes as there are trails as well to explore in the park! Come, get away from the hustle and bustle of school life for 24 hours in a winter wonderland!

[Registration and information](#)

If cost is a barrier, please email Rev. Ben Adams at ben@togethercommunity.org for financial aid. We don't want money to prevent you from attending!

Godly Play Core Training

February 3-5, 2023 in Birmingham, Michigan

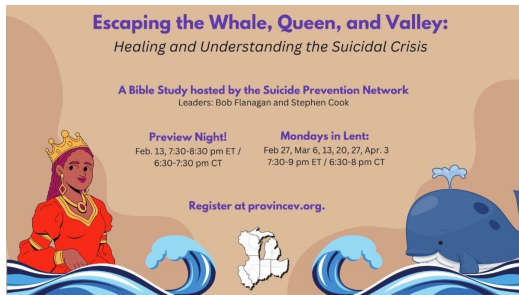
The Godly Play Core Training is the recommended training for every adult leading Godly Play sessions (years 1-3 of practice), for administrators, and for clergy. Over the course of three days led by Godly Play practitioners, participants will experience all aspects of the Godly Play method and begin to become fluent in the Godly Play core stories and fundamental practices. Additionally, Godly Play's guiding Theology of Childhood is introduced, so participants become more deeply connected to their work.

Core training follows an action/reflection model of learning with a mixture of trainer-led presentations and participant storytelling presentations. Core training plenary presentations cover: the Spirituality of the Child, Setting up a Godly Play Environment, and Supporting the Circle of Children.

The first session begins February 3rd at 4:30pm. The final session will end February 5th at 5pm.

[Registration](#)

[Hotel block](#)



Bible Study

Escaping the Whale, Queen, and Valley: Healing and Understanding the Suicidal Crisis

A Virtual Lenten Bible Study
Mondays in Lent: Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3
7:30-9 pm ET / 6:30-8 pm CT

[Registration](#)
[Facebook Event](#)

Preview Night!

Monday, February 13, 2023, 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT

Want to learn more before you sign up to participate?

Attend the Preview Night, meet the instructors, and learn a bit more about this resource.

Simply [click here](#) to join this 30-45 minute event

Description

What if we told you that the usual thinking about suicide in the Bible is wrong? This six-part Bible study will dive deep into several classic Hebrew Scripture events to uncover an innovative approach to suicide ideation and crisis. Using the stories from Jonah, Elijah, Ezekiel, and the Psalms, we will see the lives of these crucial individuals anew when they were in despair and darkness. We will also discover how God returned them to a place of light, love, and hope.

With the support of a dedicated website, you will engage the text in compelling ways. Each session will explore a biblical text. Afterward, we will engage in a lively discussion, allowing you to ask relevant questions and consider new ways to help people amid mental health crises. By the end of our study, you will be armed with biblical texts and tools to reframe your thoughts about suicide and the Bible.

Creators and Leaders

Stephen L. Cook is the Catherine N. McBurney Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature at Virginia Theological Seminary, the largest seminary in the worldwide Anglican Communion. He has been a Bible professor for three decades. He is the author or editor of a dozen books, including an Anchor Yale Bible Commentary on Ezekiel's Apocalypse and Utopian Vision of a New Temple and Land. He is a co-author of a new Fortress Press textbook: The Prophets: Introducing Israel's Prophetic Writings (Fortress, 2022). Stephen has served in several capacities as an officer of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), including as a Regional Coordinator for the guild and as the Program Unit Chair of SBL sections. You can learn more at [dstephencook.com](#)

Robert D. Flanagan has been a priest in the Diocese of New York for two decades, serving large and small congregations and helping parishes with their priestly transitions. Bob is also Chaplain at General Theological Seminary and Dean's Advisor and Teaching Fellow at Virginia Theological Seminary. He is an author of books on spirituality and mental health and the mystical writings in First and Second Peter. In addition, Bob has also been a volunteer for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, where he has served on local boards, been a legislative advocate at the local, state, and national levels, and has been an advisor on religious programs.

[Register](#) to receive your personal link and reminders

All those who register will receive reminders and materials. Because of the sensitive nature of the conversation, these sessions will not be recorded. Come when you are able to participate in this new resource.

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Lenten Materials

The Episcopal Church

[Resources](#)

Creation Justice Ministries

Creation Justice Ministries offers a free downloadable Lenten resource with daily entries "designed to help you and your community take time during the Lenten season to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course in order to better care for creation." Get it [here](#).

Episcopal Relief and Development

[Lenten Meditations](#)

United Thank Offering

daily text message reminder to practice gratitude: sign up [here](#).

Lenten Book Club: Wednesdays, 12 noon ET: [register](#)

Living Compass - Lent 2023 Devotional

Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

Each year, tens of thousands of individuals across various denominations use our daily devotionals to help them prepare for the coming of Easter. Faith communities also use the devotionals for Lent programs (including online), classes, small-group discussions, and retreats with the help of our FREE downloadable and printable Facilitator's Guide. Below you will find multiple ways to engage these resources, either as an individual, or as a lay or clergy leader.

[Ordering information](#)

Creation Care Event

Rooted in Soil and Grounded in Faith:

Resources for Sustained Creation Care

Weekend Retreat and Workshop

May 5 - 7, 2023

[Nazareth Retreat Center](#), Nazareth, KY 40048

Hosted by: Provinces IV and V Creation Care Networks

This weekend retreat will engage those involved in ministries of creation care in deeper theological study, sharing of resources and ideas, opportunity for fellowship, nature contemplation, and spiritual renewal. The weekend event will include presentations, conversations, nature walks, and prayer on the beautiful grounds of the Sisters of Nazareth convent in Nazareth, Kentucky.

All those interested in creation care (from any province) are invited to participate. Cost: \$50 (included meals, scholarships available)

For more information and registration, go to event registration page at:

<https://www.provincev.org/creation2023event.html>

Deep Green Faith: Job Posting

The Center for Deep Green Faith

New Position Posting: Administrative and Communications Assistant

10 hours / week

The successful candidate should have good organizational skills, with experience in digital operations such as Constant Contact, website management, YouTube, and basic graphic design. Additional skills in publicity and social media preferred. A proven interest in faith-inspired earth care is desirable.

[All the details](#)

ECF's Resources for Vitality and Innovation

[Need fresh ideas](#) to enliven your ministries this new year? The Episcopal Church Foundation's (ECF) [resources for vitality and innovation](#) equip leaders to partner and bring about transformation and positive change in our communities. All are available at low- or no-cost, such as the award-winning Vital Practices website, [ecfv.org](#), a treasure-trove of articles and tools on all things church. Equip your new vestry with copies of the [Vestry Resource Guide \(VRG\)](#) and the [Finance Resource Guide \(FRG\)](#). The VRG is an essential tool to help vestries focus on what God is calling them to do in the world with information and recommendations for congregations of all shapes and sizes. The FRG offers in-depth financial management practices and principles promoting year-round, theologically driven stewardship. Read more [here](#).



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Feeling Stuck? Don't Go It Alone! Executive Coaching can get you some traction!

Solo pastoring can feel like driving without a GPS in the best of times. Add the "weather" of constantly evolving challenges from the economy and health policy, and the road conditions of leadership transition and congregational exhaustion, and the work intensifies. Give yourself the gift of support this winter. Monthly sessions with a coach can put snow tires on your ministry and a road map in your hand. You set the destination—coaching means you don't have to plan your route alone.

Coaches are here to support you!
Coaches are available to ALL leaders—clergy and lay. You can be coached individually, create a group of people, or bring a team together for creating shared goals and plans. Any of them will offer an introductory session so you can together discern if you are a good fit. If you work in a rural area, you might qualify for free coaching. Find out more and explore coaching with a trained leadership coach! <https://www.provincev.org/lcp.html>

For information on LCP Coach training or to discuss Coaching with one of the LCP Trained Coaches, visit [this website](#) or contact Province V Coordinator Heather Barta at provincevcoordinator@gmail.com or (989) 413-3229.



Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church

April 26-29, 2023 - in person gathering

"From Basement to Sanctuary, Recovery and the Church"

Keynote speaker: Stephen R. Haynes, author of ["Why Can't Church be more like an AA Meeting? And other questions Christians ask about Recovery?"](#)

Location: Barbara C Harris Conference Center, Greenfield, NH

[Details](#)

[Email](#)



Episcopal Parish Network

Mar 8-11, 2023 - Annual Conference
Jacksonville, FL.

The Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) invites you to join us in Jacksonville, Florida, for unparalleled connection, learning, and networking at our 38th Annual Conference—the largest and most anticipated annual conference in the Episcopal Church.

As the Church responds to a shifting cultural landscape, including economic uncertainty, persistent racial inequities, unprecedented health challenges, and disruptive climate change, the need for vital, parish ministry responsive to local communities has never been greater. Join EPN as we bring together over 800 lay and clergy attendees to confront and address important questions including:

How do we engage with, respond to, and nurture our communities as part of our Christian witness?
What is a calming presence for those we can foster? When are we called to take uncomfortable positions, and speak out as we live into our baptismal covenant? How do we serve and lead to strengthen local ministry?

We will explore these questions through provocative keynote conversations, engaging role-based pre-conferences, and compelling workshops. Besides deep learning, the conference will offer a great opportunity to network with friends and colleagues.

[Registration and Information](#)
[Printable Flyer](#)

Address Human Trafficking

A note from the Episcopal Public Policy Network:
Tell Congress to Continue Addressing Human Trafficking

January was National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking offends the dignity of every human person. It destroys families, communities, and individual lives. Christians have a solemn obligation to oppose human trafficking in every way we can. Federal lawmakers have rightly made human trafficking a legislative priority. We applaud Congress for passing [S.3946, the Abolish Human Trafficking Reauthorization Act of 2022](#). This bipartisan legislation reauthorizes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017. It implements vital provisions to end the criminalization of child

trafficking victims. The bill also reforms current standards for child sex crime victims facing prosecution within the adult criminal justice system. It allows judges to depart from harsh punishments for child victims and helps state, local, and tribal child welfare agencies to identify and respond to vulnerable children at risk of trafficking.

The Episcopal Church has a long history of supporting action against human trafficking. Our opposition to trafficking and modern slavery is rooted in our baptismal promise to “respect the dignity of every human being.” Building a beloved community requires us to stand against all forms of exploitation. As St. Paul the Apostle wrote in the New Testament, “for freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1). We are committed to advocating at the federal level for more action to set human trafficking victims free to live the lives of freedom God intends for them.

[Read more and take action](#)

Young Adult Service Corps, 2023-24

Episcopal Church Young Adult Service Corps opens applications for 2023-24

Applications are now being accepted for 2023-24 placements; the deadline to apply online is Feb. 1. Selected applicants will be invited to an in-person discernment retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, March 22-26; final candidates will attend a two-week cross-cultural orientation session in June.

[Application](#)

Networking Conversations

Province V's work in the world is to "Connect. Network. Support." Networks exist for people to gather around areas of interest and share resources with each other. Sometimes, networks host webinars to share information and sometimes they develop new resources to support leaders in their local contexts.

There are a number of networks meeting regularly and several that are just getting organized. Most network meetings last about 60 minutes. See their webpages or email their contact for more information.

For a full list of Networks and other Affiliated Organizations, visit the [Province V website](#).

Anti-Human Trafficking

*This network is on hiatus.
Look for special events.*

Magdalene House, Chicago - Online Shop now live!

Support this amazing organization by [ordering from their new shop!](#)
Like their [Facebook Page!](#)

Archivists

Date of next meeting: **Mar 13**, 11 am E / 10 am C
[Zoom](#) link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89950734030> (password: 5)
Convener: [Newland Smith](#), Chicago
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/archivist.html>

Creation Care

Date of next meeting: **Feb 13**, 1 pm ET / 12 noon CT
[Zoom](#) link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932843412> (password: 5)
Contact: [Heather Barta](#) (while the convener is on sabbatical for the fall)
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/creation.html>

SAVE THE DATE!

Creation Care Event!

Rooted in Soil and Grounded in Faith: Resources for Sustained Creation Care
May 5, 4 pm - May 7 12 noon, 2023

Nazareth, KY (fly into Louisville)

[Registration and more information](#)

The Center for Deep Green Faith

The Center is hosting monthly webinars and tuition courses for Spring 2023. For registration information, go to: <https://deepgreenfaith.org/events>. Offerings for this Spring include:

Spring Webinars

A Theology of Dirt with Dr. Collin Cornell. Feb 16, 7:30PM Eastern/6:30PM Central.

Our Place in Creation: Genesis, Dominion, Tilling and Keeping with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel. March 23, 7:30 eastern/6:30 Central.

Spring Course

Deep Green Faith with The Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel. Five Monday nights, February 27 – March 27, 7:30 p.m. eastern.

A Theology of Dirt with Dr. Collin Cornell. Four Thursday nights, May 4 – 25, 7:30 p.m. eastern.

Subscribe to the Center for Deep Green Faith Newsletter at: <https://deepgreenfaith.org/>

Dismantling Racism

Date of next meeting: **Feb 2**, 1 pm ET / 12 noon CT

[Zoom](#) link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88215961535> (password: 5)

Convener: [Margaret D'Anieri](#), Ohio

webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/dismantlingracism.html>

February's event

[Sister Veronica Dunbar](#) will lead a time of spiritual reflection and renewal.

"Upholding the Sower: Spiritual Practices for the Good Soil and the Rocky Ground"

February will be meditations and prayers for the ups and downs of anti-racism work using Matthew 13:1-9 as our resource.

March's event

March will be sharing what we've learned from other Dioceses about developing a listening process to engage congregations in reparations work, as well as how we've structured our own listening sessions.

A prayer:

Uproot Racism

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot it from our society, our world and ourselves.
This we pray.

[Sisters of Mercy of the Americas](#)

Intergenerational / All-Ages Worship

Date of next meeting: **Apr 19**, 3 pm ET / 2 pm CT

[Zoom](#) link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736273559> (password: 5)

Convener: [Miranda Hassett](#), Milwaukee

webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/worship.html>

Lay-Led Congregations

Date of next meeting: **Feb 18**, 11 am ET / 10 am CT

[Zoom](#) link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416490879> (password: 5)

convener: [Jim Mogensen](#), Michigan

webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/layledcongregations.html>

Promoting Lay Leader Wellness: Sharing stories, lifting up challenges, and exploring potential support systems for those in lay-leadership roles. Join the lay-led congregational network as we begin the process of developing effective mutual support systems.

Migration Ministries

Date of next meeting: **Mar 21**, 8 pm ET / 7 pm C.

[Zoom](#): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81246380265> (password: 5)

Conveners: [Silvia Huth](#), Michigan and [Jack Lloyd](#), Chicago
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/migration.html>

March's Guest Speaker:

Ana Reza, Diocese of the Rio Grande
[Rio Grande Borderland](#)

Ana Reza will share the work of the Rio Grande Borderland Ministry in the diocese of the Rio Grande. Their work includes bringing awareness of the need to welcome refugees with dignity by calling people our work in El Paso and the Big Bend area. This ministry is always looking to collaborate locally and nationally with congregations, dioceses and organizations to work to bring God's love and dignity to our borders and beyond.

Ana L. Reza is a first generation, Mexican-American. She was born and raised in El Paso, Tx. A community activist in la Frontera working with issues of fair housing, education, saving our history, militarization of our border and immigrant rights. Currently working for the Diocese of the Rio Grande as their Bridge Chaplain. Is the shelter coordinator of a shelter for asylum seekers at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in El Paso, Tx.

EMM Meeting info

Episcopal Migration Ministry hosts an Asylum and Detention Ministry Network that meets virtually on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The Ministry Network's collaborative work and conversation focus on best practice-sharing in areas of direct service, organizing, advocacy actions, Christian formation and worship resources, and community education to protect asylum, promote humane and dignified alternatives to detention, and to support asylum seekers and those harmed by the immigration detention system. Register to attend meetings [here](#).

Ministry in Resort Communities

Date of next meeting: **Mar 14**, 11 a E / 10 am C
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84428881442> (password: 5)
Convenor: [Dave Penniman](#), Western Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/resort.html>

We are changing from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings - still by Zoom.
Feel free to invite others who are serving amid the opportunities and challenges in Resort Communities.



Recovery Ministries

2023 Gathering - Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church
April 26-29, 2023

"From Basement to Sanctuary, Recovery and the Church"

Keynote speaker: Stephen R. Haynes, author of "[Why Can't Church be more like an AA MEeting? And other questions Christians ask about Recovery?](#)"

Location: Barbara C Harris Conference Center, Greenfield, NH

[Details](#)
[Email](#)

Suicide Prevention

Date of next meeting: **Feb 15**, 12 pm E / 11 am C
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8941193842> (password 5)
Convenor: [Kathy Mank](#), Southern Ohio
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/suicideprevention.html>

Agenda for Dec meeting:

- Bible Study speaker series
- other helpful programs for 2023?

988 - Call, Text or Chat to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. [Main webpage](#)

This number will continue to work: **1-800-273-TALK** – Talk Save Lives.

Youth

Coordinator: [McKenzie Knill](#), Eastern/Western Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/youth.html>

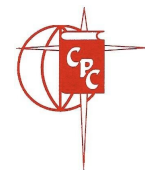
Young Adult / Campus Ministry

Date of next meeting: **Feb 16**, 12:30 pm E / 11:30 am C
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299879711> (password 5)
Convenor: Matthew Lukens, Michigan
webpage: <https://www.provincev.org/vacm.html>

Affiliated Organizations

There are a number of organizations affiliated with the Episcopal Church and working across Province V. This groups have a "structure" that is more organized than a network. They have resources and information that is useful in your local ministry contexts.

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Church Periodical Club

February is Celebration Time

Adult grants due by March 1st. See [website](#) for more information.

Purchase some quilt and afghan tickets
at <http://go.rallyup.com/cpc2023>.

Quilt Raffle!

Our site goes live on February 1st with drawing on March 1st.

This year includes the following:

A Hawaiian quilt (double/full size) made with vintage-print fabrics,

A hand designed and knitted ivory Afghan Double/full size),

and a hand-quilted Mennonite quilt (queen size).

All can be seen on our website.

All proceeds support the continuing work of CPC.

Have a CPC ingathering – A CPC Sunday. Need materials?

[Website](#) has products and order form.

Celebrate on February 24, the birthday of our Founder Mary Ann Fargo.

Host a book club, a gathering of pennies for children's grants, and learn how CPC supports seminarians thru their seminary.

Grants are for all types for written materials from DVDs to Kindle to magazine and books.

Questions????? Maryfrancist64@gmail.com

Partner's Path

We are expanding to support local clergy spouses' groups in more and more dioceses!

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To connect with us and learn more, visit [thepartnerspath.com](#) or email us

at info@thepartnerspath.com

Historical Society of the Episcopal Church

FREE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church for free! A Society benefactor, and member of Province V, will cover the dues of a Regular, Retiree or Student level for any new member from Province V. Act quickly! To learn more about the Historical Society, visit [hsec.us](#). To take

advantage of this offer, send an email to Matthew P. Payne, Director of Operations at administration@hsec.us.



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Grant

[United Thank Offering invites 2023 annual grants](#)
[Five webinars will provide info, answer questions](#)

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Board is pleased to announce the availability of its [2023 UTO Annual Grants](#), with a focus on the worldwide incarceration crisis. These grants are awarded for projects in The Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion, each year with a different focus.

Grant application deadlines:

- 5 p.m. ET Jan. 6, for Anglican Communion partners
- 5 p.m. ET March 10, for dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

More information—including criteria for applicants, sample budgets and timelines, and helpful hints—as well as application and other forms [are available online in English and Spanish](#).

Upcoming Events and webinars

- [Episcopal Parish Network](#) Conference, Mar 8-11, 2023
- [Festival of Homiletics](#) - online and in-person options available
- [Deep Green Faith](#) - monthly webinars and courses
- [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#) - many opportunities
- [Education for Ministry](#) - a great course for all people
- [Church Next](#) - They offer a wide variety of courses.
- [Bexley-Seabury Seminary Federation](#) - several upcoming webinars, affinity groups, and courses.
 - Review [this newsletter](#) for details.
- [Virginia Theological Seminary](#) - several upcoming webinars
 - You can also see all of their [past seminars on their YouTube Channel](#)
 - Review [this newsletter](#) for details.
- [My Work to Do](#) - a purposeful space for white people to come and learn, listen, reflect and build capacity and stamina to have conversations about race and racism.
- [Episcopal Youth Event](#), July 4-8, 2023

Province V Executive Board

Do you have questions about Province V? Would you like to be more involved in planning the events that are offered at the provincial level? The Executive Board of the Province meets monthly on fourth Fridays at 10 am via zoom.

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