

Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

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

- Sanctuary fans are positioned to maximize coverage for overall comfort. When the fans are on, please leave them as they are. Move toward the center aisle if less wind is more comfortable for you.
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

This Worship service will be live-streamed. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please sit in the back left of the Sanctuary (the area closest to the Chapel). Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion. Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – June 5, 2022

The Day of Pentecost



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Richard Hall
	2 — Glenn Davidowich
	3 — Skip Cole
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Dave Dillman
<i>Dove</i>	Glenn Davidowich
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Ammia Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl

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

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

Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green
Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl
Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

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

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

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

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

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



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

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

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

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **You've Poured Out Your Spirit**

You've poured out your Spirit, Great Father of Life,
 your presence, your power, the Spirit of Christ:
 The fruit of his triumph, the breath of his love,
 the proof he has risen and reigns now above.
 Your promise is given in wind and in flame,
 with lives now ignited to burn in your name.
 Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth,
 your body, your people are one, Lord, in you.
 We praise you, our Father, the Fountain of Life,
 for comfort and challenge, for purpose and light.
 In love we will share all the gifts you provide
 that all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.
 Your challenge is sounding. Our calling is clear:
 to live out a gospel the needy can hear.
 Lord, help us to go till all people have heard
 and touch every life with the love of the Lord.

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<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of grace... Spirit of peace... Spirit of justice...
<i>People</i>	Source of all life: Holy Spirit, come to us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of righteousness... Spirit of integrity... Spirit of mercy...
<i>People</i>	Opener of new pathways: Holy Spirit, come to us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of compassion... Spirit of generosity... Spirit of invitation...
<i>People</i>	Wellspring of life: Holy Spirit, come to us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of gladness... Spirit of exuberance... Spirit of hope...
<i>People</i>	Creative love of God: Holy Spirit, come to us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children gather, far and near:
<i>People</i>	We're transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours!
<i>Celebrant</i>	Come, Spirit of Adoption; open our hearts to our siblings in Christ:
<i>People</i>	Come, Holy Spirit!
<i>Celebrant</i>	Come, Spirit of Peace, and calm our trembling hearts:
<i>People</i>	Come, Holy Spirit!
<i>Celebrant</i>	Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:
<i>People</i>	Come, Holy Spirit!

Celebrant May the Lord of Pentecost be with you!

People **God's Spirit is with us!**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your Good News; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

Prayers for Our Nation in the Midst of Mass Shootings

Celebrant A mass shooting at the Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, NY on May 14... another at Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods, CA on May 15... another on the Miracle Mile in Chicago, IL on May 19... another at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX on May 24... These events recently grabbed headlines and broke our hearts yet again, but they are only some of the more visible tragedies to which we have become so numb. So far in 2022 there have been at least 271 mass shootings, including 2 at schools and 2 at places of worship. There have been 6 mass shootings in Wisconsin this year. In 2021 there were 693 mass shootings in the US. A mass shooting is when a minimum of four victims are shot, either injured or killed, not including any shooter.

These candles are a reminder of those many lives affected, and a reminder that only the light of Jesus Christ can lead us on a better path of love and peace. Let us take a moment of silence to remember all whose lives have been torn apart by gun violence. *A moment of silence.*
Let us pray.

People **Almighty and most merciful God, we come to you with heavy hearts and troubled minds after more mass shootings. We bring before you all the men, women, and children who were innocent victims of these senseless and malicious acts. May the souls of all these victims, through your mercy, find eternal safety and rest. We pray for all who are hospitalized, many still in critical condition, nearly all with life-shattering and permanent injuries. We lift all families and friends who are facing ordeal and turmoil, and we place them into your loving arms. We pray for all who live with fear and anxiety.**

We give thanks for all first responders, especially law enforcement who risked their lives as they intervened to save so many lives. We praise you for the provision of so many medical specialists in the times and places where they were most needed. We bring before you the leaders of the cities and towns who gathered citizens together for peace, unity, and strength.

We implore your divine help, O God, for our nation. We pray that law enforcement officials will have the resources they need to protect, and to remain vigilant. We pray for our legislators to commit to sensible policies and laws regarding the ownership and use of guns, and that they also will provide resources for better mental health diagnosis and treatment. We pray that our leaders at every level will provide compassionate and clear leadership to turn our nation away from our culture of gun violence and toward healing. Finally, we pray for the people who inflicted such harm on others. We pray for your perfect mercy and justice and, for those who still are alive, for repentance. AMEN!

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Genesis chapter 11, verses 1 through 9.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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 104 verses 25 through 37.

All O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; may you rejoice in all your works; you look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Acts chapter 2, verses 1 through 21.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his

voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

John 14. 8-17, 25-27

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

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

Celebrant Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy universal church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Son?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **AMEN!**

The Celebrant moves to the baptismal font for the Thanksgiving Over Water.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **AMEN!**

The Celebrant sprinkles the people with water as she moves to the front of the Sanctuary.

Prayers of the People

Reader 3 Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples:

People **Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord:

People **That we may be filled with loving reverence toward you and your Church.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of Piety:

People **That we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of Fortitude:

People **That we may bear our cross with you, and with courage overcome the obstacles that interfere with our life in you.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of Knowledge:

People **That we may know you and know ourselves, and grow in holiness.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of Understanding:

People **To enlighten our minds with the light of your truth.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of Counsel:

People **That we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first your Kingdom.**

Reader 3 Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom:

People **That we may aspire to the things that last forever.**

Reader 3 Teach us to be your faithful disciples:

People **And animate us in every way with your Spirit. 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!

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

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

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

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

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Breathe On Me, Breath of God**

[Hymnal #508]

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878. Tune: *NOVA VITA*, Lister R Peace, 1914.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Blessing

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

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

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant And may the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ **Holy Spirit, Ever Living**

[Hymnal #511]

Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
 Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;
 you we praise with endless worship for your fruits and gifts unpriced.
 Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
 teaching, strength'ning and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding, age to age, and soul to soul,
 in a fellowship unending, you we worship and extol.

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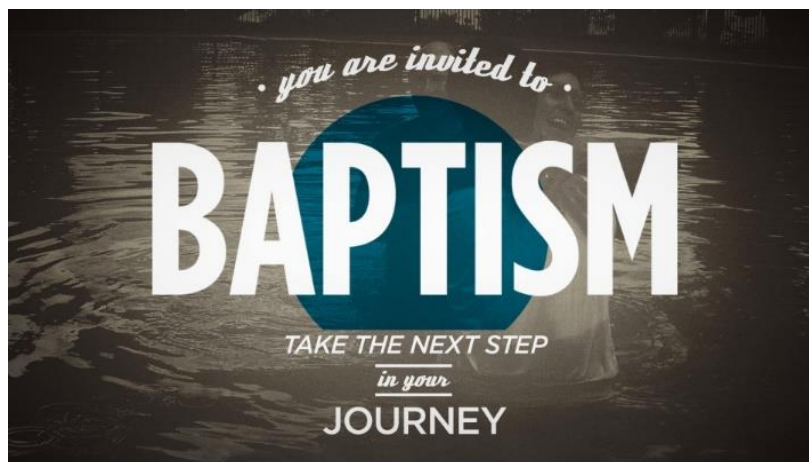
Celebrant Now you are filled with the fire of the Spirit:
People **We will go to ignite justice in our communities!**
Celebrant Now you are filled with the Breath which renews life:
People **We will go to offer restoration to all who are broken!**
Celebrant Now you are filled with the wind which carries the Gospel to the world:
People **We will go to carry grace and hope to everyone we meet!**
Celebrant Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

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

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



If you are interested in being baptized or learning more, or would like information about joining the church, please talk to Amma Diane after worship or any time!



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An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting June 5, 2022

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

Recurring Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

6/5 The Day of Pentecost
6/12 Trinity Sunday: LGBTQ+ Awareness
6/19 Pentecost 2: Fathers & father figures
6/26 Pentecost 3: World Refugee Day observance

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

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

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

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
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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 #
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NEW! Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 6/11

Our next monthly fellowship gathering will take place at 9AM on Saturday, June 11. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at St James (bring your own food/snacks, if you like). A Zoom option is available for those who can't be present in-person. All are welcome!

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

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vestry Notes

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

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

"Helping Our Neighbors" mission project

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



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

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

New sanctuary fans

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

Sunday Fellowship time

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

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

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

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.

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 Pentecost. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Diocese of Carlisle – The Church of England. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and the appointment of Reverend Friar Fungayi Nyandoro as the Vicar General of Masvingo Diocese until a Diocesan Ordinary (Bishop) is elected.

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

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

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

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

Ordination Anniversary: 5/23 Amma Diane

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

NEW! Guns, Myths, Redemption, & Conversion

by Bishop Matt Gunter, Diocese of Fond du Lac

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And so, the myth of redemptive violence makes it hard



Statue of Mars, Hotel National des Invalides, Paris

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

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

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

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

NEW! [An opportunity from a Province V partner:
How to Start a Gun Violence Prevention Ministry](#)

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

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

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

NEW! [Please pray for upcoming General Convention
\(7/8-7/11\) & Lambeth Conference \(7/26-8/8\)](#)

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

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

NEW! Province V “Big Provincial Gathering” report

by Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Senior Warden

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

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



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

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

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

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

PROVINCE V Networks

Anti-Human Trafficking

convener: Cheryl Gray, Ohio

board liaison: Edie Wakevainen, Michigan

Archivists

convener: Newland Smith, Chicago

board liaison: TBD

Clergy Spouses

convener: Charles Zaucha, Chicago

board liaison: Laura Jackson, Chicago

Creation Care

convener: Catherine Duffy, Southern Ohio

board liaison: Rick Stanitis, Northern Michigan

Dismantling Racism

convener: Susie Shaefer, Michigan;

board liaison:

Intergenerational / All-Ages Worship

Convener: Miranda Hassett, Milwaukee

board liaison: TBD

Lay-Led Congregations

convener: Tammy Prather, Milwaukee

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

Migration Ministries

convener: Silvia Huth, Michigan and Jack Lloyd, Chicago

board representative: Lesley MacKellar, Indianapolis

Ministry in Resort Communities

convener: Dave Penniman, Western Michigan

board liaison: Katie Forsyth, Eastern Michigan

Prison / Jail Ministry

convener: TBD

board liaison:

Public Theology

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

bishop: Doug Sparks, Northern Indiana

board liaison: Christopher Hillak, Northern Indiana

Recovery Ministries

convener: Debbi Rhodes

board liaison:

Suicide Prevention

convener: Kathy Mank, Southern Ohio

board liaison: Betty Bowersox, Missouri

Youth

coordinator: McKenzie Knill, Eastern and Western Michigan

board liaison: Joel Turmo, Western Michigan

Young Adult / Campus Ministry

interim coordinator: Stacy Alan, Chicago

board liaison: Rick Stanitis, Northern Michigan