

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 let Amma Diane or an usher know. Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion.

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10AM Worship with Communion – August 14, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost – 2022 Becoming Beloved Community series, week 6

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God's Love
Through
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An inviting safe community for all

Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Karleen Cole 2 — Dave Dillman 3 — Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Richard Hall
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl
<i>Pianist</i>	Barb Cook

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

[Hymnal 657]

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747. Music: *HYFRYDOL*, Rowland H Prichard, 1830.

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **AMEN!**

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated.

Becoming Beloved Community – A Litany of Repentance

Celebrant Dear people of God, our history is marred by oppression, by the enslavement of those who differ from us, and by the forces of racism that attack human dignity. The sin of racism is woven into our lives and our cultures, in small and great ways, in things done and things left undone. As followers of Christ, we reject racism and the oppression of other human beings. In building Christ's beloved community, we must strive to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation. In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us humbly repent before God our participation in racism, our privilege based on racism, and our perpetuation of racism.

Celebrant God the Father, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today. Have mercy on us.

People **God the Son, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body. Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice. Have mercy on us.

People **We have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest.**

Celebrant We have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest.

People **We have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises.**

Celebrant We have practiced injustice for economic gain and have oppressed others to make a false peace.

People **We have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others.**

Celebrant We have welcomed solace over conflict and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort.

People **We have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little.**

Celebrant We have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty.

People **We have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us.**

Celebrant We have divided ourselves from others, and refused to listen to or believe their experience.

People **We have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers.**

Celebrant We have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts.

People **We have been self-satisfied in our privilege, and denied our oppression of others.**

Celebrant We have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace.

People **We have quietly held good intentions, and kept silent the message of reconciliation.**

Celebrant We have failed to act with courage for the sake of love.

All **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day.

All **AMEN!**

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Jeremiah chapter 23, verses 23 through 29.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their

dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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 82.

All **God takes a stand in the council of heaven; and gives judgment in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked? Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' " Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Hebrews chapter 11, verse 29 through chapter 12, verse 2. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom

the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Luke 12. 49-56

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

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

Celebrant Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

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

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

Reader 3 God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Matt, our Bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

All **God of love, hear our prayers for the church.**

Reader 3 God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

All **God of freedom, hear our prayers for the world.**

Reader 3 God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

All **God of justice, hear our prayers for the earth.**
Reader 3 God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

All **God of peace, hear our prayers for the community.**
Reader 3 God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

All **God of mercy, hear our prayers for all who are in need.**
Reader 3 God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **God of grace, hear our prayers for those who have died.**
Reader 3 Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **AMEN!**
Reader 3 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.

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

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

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

All O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

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

All AMEN!

All who are able, please stand.

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.

Please be seated.

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

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

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

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

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

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

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

All who are able, please stand.

♪ **God's Holy Ways are Just and True**

God's holy ways are just and true, God's promises are ever new. Alleluia, alleluia!

Let ev'ry heart with praises sing, and make this house with voices ring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind God's grace and love; our needs provided from above. Alleluia, alleluia!

God kept his word and Jesus came to make a people in God's name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again the deeds of old, the story of our mighty God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

For all God's glorious works and ways, we shall rejoice through endless days.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

All **AMEN!**

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

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

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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

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

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Blessing

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

People **Alleluia! AMEN!**

♪ **God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger**

God, whose love is always stronger Than our weakness, pride and fear,

In your world, we pray and wonder How to be more faithful here.

Hate too often grows inside us; Fear rules what the nations do.

So we pray, when wars divide us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring, Never arrogant or rude,

Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.

When we're caught up in believing War will make the terror cease,

Show us Jesus' way of living; May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished; May your churches hear your call.

May our lives be filled with courage As we speak your love for all.

Now emboldened by your Spirit Who has given us new birth,

Give us love, that we may share it Till your love renews the earth!

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Sending

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.

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



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Please contact Amma Diane with any pastoral care or other needs.

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Recurring Schedule

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

We're discussing *Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Nobel laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu & his daughter, Anglican priest Mpho A Tutu. This book helps answer "How do I forgive?" The Tutus lay out the simple but profound truths about the significance of forgiveness, how it works, why everyone needs to know how to grant it and receive it, and why granting forgiveness is the greatest gift we can give to ourselves when we have been wronged. They explain the four-step process of forgiveness as well as offer meditations, exercises, and prayers.

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
8/14 Pentecost 10: Becoming Beloved Community series
8/21 Pentecost 11: Becoming Beloved Community series
8/28 Pentecost 12: A New School Year

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

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

Mid-Week Worship—Wed at 4:30PM (Zoom)

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

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

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

UPDATED! Book Group 8/24 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

Starting this month, the St James Book Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8/24 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *The Island of Doves* by Kelly O'Connor McNees. Chris suggested this book after meeting the author during a virtual meeting in Chicago. A story takes place on Mackinac Island. We hope to see you either on Zoom or in person.

Our book for 9/28 will be *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, or Amma Diane.

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

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

NEW! Monthly congregational chats starting 9/4

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 9/4 for the first of our monthly congregational chats. We will hold these in the Sanctuary immediately following 10AM Worship on the first Sunday of each month, and all are welcome to participate.

Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. We will plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Two topics planned for 9/4:

- 1) We're planning movie viewings at the church, and we'd like your input on days/times to offer these.
- 2) We'd like your input on topics you are interested in learning more about, as well as days/times/ frequency you are interested in, and formats (book, video, bible study, discussion, etc) you prefer. This will help us determine if our current offerings are meeting needs or what else we can provide.

Please join us for these chats!

NEW! Vestry Notes

- St James has been an ecumenical partner of the Manitowoc Warming Shelter since its early planning stages.. This new community ministry is being developed for launch this coming Winter and will initially be housed at First Presbyterian Church. The MWS will now be seeking approval from teh City of Manitowoc Plan Commission and Common Council to move forward. The Vestry submitted a letter of support for thie important program. Volunteers will also be needed—visit manitowocwarmingshelter.org for more information.
- Beginning a new monthly congregational chat about various topics (*see separate announcement*).
- After a long year of plaster repair at St James, final touches will be completed in the Chapel, including re-installation of heating, and carpet replacement.
- To avoid volunteer burnout, we are slowing down the pace/start of some our desired projects. We are grateful for the time, skills, and gifts shared!
- As of 6/30/2022, our year-to-date income is \$58,154 on a YTD budget of \$57,144. Our YTD expenses are \$60,478 on a YTD budget of \$63,295. This results in a YTD deficit of \$2,324. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry! Complete financial reports are posted outside the office.

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.

“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).



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, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Shelley, Karleen, Judy M & Misty, Mike, Pete, Tony C., Dave, Nancy T, Brian M, Sharon, Connie & Harley, Mary Ann, Gregg, Ken

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

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

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for those discerning a call to ordained ministry or mission work. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the trialogue 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 Fungai Nyandoro as the Vicar General of Masvingo Diocese until a Diocesan Ordinary (Bishop) is elected. The birth of Cedric Gerard on July 30.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley, Lois Bergquist, Margaret Coombs, Fr. Ed Smith, all who have died as a result of gun violence

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 8/12 Karleen Cole; 8/25 Mary Burckle.

Anniversaries: 8/12 Fred & Eleanor Hass ; 8/24 Mark & Sally Hunner.

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).