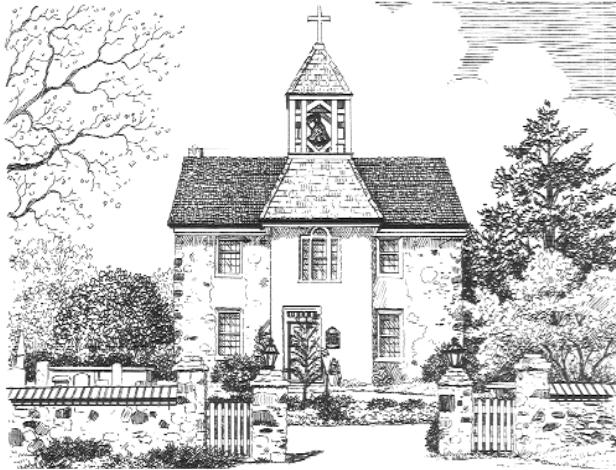


# Saint James' Episcopal Church

## Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**9:30am**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

# **WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **MILLCREEK HUNDRED**

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today. St. James' Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one. If you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask.

On Sundays we gather to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers". This we do in the Communion service -- the *Holy Eucharist*. All whose conscience allows are welcome to receive Communion.

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**HOLY EUCHARIST 9:30AM**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Prelude: How Lovely (Rosemeydre)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Opening Hymn:** God is love, let heaven adore him

Hymn 379

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

*People:* ***And, blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.***

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. *Amen.*

***Gloria in excelsis (sung)***

**Hymnal # S-280**

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

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* *Let us pray.*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Old Testament

### Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Psalm

### Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.  
7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## **The Epistle**

### **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader:*               The Word of the Lord.

*People:*               ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn:** O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymn 660

## **The Gospel**

### **Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into

human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**                      The Rev. Margaret Sterchi

## **Nicene Creed**

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

## **The Prayers of the People are Form IV found on page 388 of your Prayer book**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 for 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.

*The Priest, stands and pronounces Absolution*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

**Offertory:** Lord, forever at thy side

Orlando Gibbons



## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

***Sanctus*** (sung)

**Hymnal # S-130**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and

said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.  
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

All those whose conscience allows are invited to the Lord's Table.

**Music during Communion:** Lord of all hopefulness

Hymn 482

**Post Communion Prayer**

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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**

**Concluding Hymn:** O day of peace that dimly shines

Hymn 597

**Dismissal**

*This week's Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of John W. Jackson by his wife Marlene Jackson, and daughter Kathryn Jackson.*

***Please be aware that we are recording this service in its entirety. Any talking can be picked up by the microphones. So, please save your conversations for outside the church or after the completion of the music after the Dismissal. Thank you.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of the Province of Uganda.
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for: Church of the Nativity, New Castle; Vestry Leadership and Parish.
- For those in our parish, we pray for: Senior Warden, Valerie Brunson, Junior Warden, Bruce Vrana, Jenny Vrana, Carolyn Joynt, the Search Committee and all members of the vestry.

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Trevor and Julianna and family, BJ, Julian, Helen, Frank, Wilma, Dan, Sue, SW, Pablo and family, George and family, Carl, Daniel, Mary, Faye, Ed, Debbie, John, Tara, Olivia, Kevin, Jo, Ellie, Diane, Barbara, and May.

We are grateful that Rev. Margaret Sterchi has come to lead our service and share her message with us today.

## ST. JAMES' PASTORAL CARE TEAM

St. James' Pastoral Care Team continues to support our parish family and our community.

Please call the office (302-994-1584) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. Messages are retrieved daily, seven days a week.

If you or someone you know is in need, we:

- Send cards, make phone calls, and pray with you and/or for you.
- Also, during this time of transition, if you need a priest, we will help with that, too.
- For now, in an abundance of caution, our home, hospital, and Eucharistic visits are on hold.

***Please note: We are not always informed about parishioners entering the hospital. So, please call if you or someone you know has been admitted to the hospital.***

*Please let us know if you need us or someone you know needs us. We will not know if you do not tell us.*

## **ST. JAMES' PRAYER TEAM**

On the first Sunday of every month, the members of the prayer team hold a “virtual” ZOOM prayer service at 11:30 a.m. (focusing on the prayer requests shared by parishioners through calls or emails to the church office 994-1584 or to individual members of the prayer team.) We lift up these prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world.

**During this time of Covid-19, the prayer team is holding ZOOM prayer team gatherings twice a month.** Also, weekly we share the prayers and petitions that have been given to us and they are lifted up daily by members of the team. All are welcome to participate in these services.

**Next Prayer: will be today, Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.**

**For those who have an immediate prayer need or would like to receive the ZOOM codes and join the prayer team service, we invite you to email your prayer needs/requests to Sister BJ Brown at: [sisterbjbrown@gmail.com](mailto:sisterbjbrown@gmail.com) or call Cindy Fauerbach 302-584-8053**

## **GARDENING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Gardening Committee will be weeding on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in September and October between 8:30 am and 10:00 am.

All volunteers are welcome if you are interested in offering a helping hand. We would love to have you come and help us with the beautification of the garden.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Lynn Morgan at [gnurse33@verizon.net](mailto:gnurse33@verizon.net) or Liz Lichtenstein at [office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.net)

## **UPDATED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

Our firm desire is to worship our Lord in beauty, holiness, AND safety! Please be assured that the St. James' leadership team has worked hard to have meaningful worship while at the same time making our environment as safe as possible for everyone.

- Church entry time will be 9:15 a.m.
- Please sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Face masks are mandatory.
- At communion, please wait until you are back in your seat to consume your wafer.

## **Upcoming Visiting Clergy**

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>      Sr. Julian Wilson & Sr. BJ Brown  
*Morning Prayer*

### **SERVING US THIS MORNING**

#### **9:30 am Service**

Celebrant

The Rev. Margaret Sterchi

Lector / Eucharistic Minister:

Sister Julian Wilson

Director of Music

Keith St. John

Videographer

Bruce Vrana

Usher:

Charles Haywood

Vestry Greeters:

Cathy Coppel