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# Mill Creek Hundred

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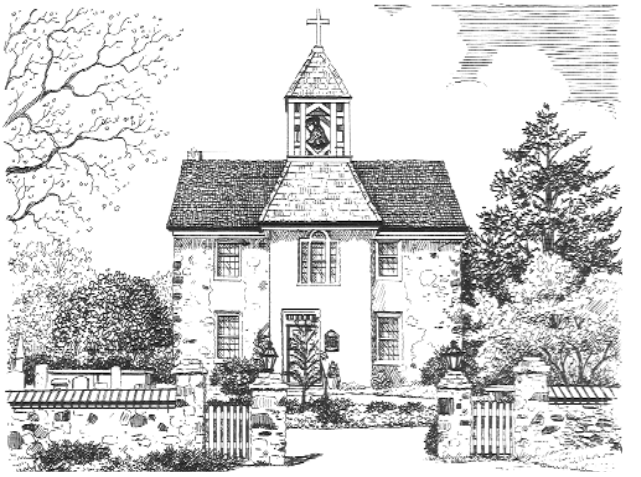

Established 1714

## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10th, 2022

**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". As we worship together, please also remember and hold in your prayers all the saints who have gone before us as they rest from their labors in the surrounding graveyard. Their work and ministry has helped bring us to this place.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
## 9:30AM
THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude: Prelude & Fugue in D Minor *J.S. Bach*

**Opening Hymn**: From all that dwell below the skies **Hymn 380**

*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**

**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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading ~ Amos 7:7-17**

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never
again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

`Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, `Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.
You say, `Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:
`Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parceled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual ~ Psalm 82**

***Deus stetit***

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, ***
**and show favor to the wicked?**

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; ***
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, ***
**and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"

8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, ***
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**The Second Reading ~ Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Where true charity and love dwell **Hymn 606**

**The Gospel** **Luke 10:25-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, `Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. David Andrews

**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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 that the souls of the faithful departed, through your mercy, may rest in peace.

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 says,*

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.**

**Announcements**

**Offertory:** Let us break bread together on our knees Spiritual
*(arr. by Michael Larkin – Simple Gifts, Morning Star Music Publishers, Inc.)*

**Presentation of the Alms** **Hymn 380 v.3 w/Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B** **BCP pg 367**

*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, Father Almighty, 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*

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**
**We proclaim his resurrection,**
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Music during Communion**: O Master let me walk with thee **Hymn 660**

**Post Communion Prayer** **BCP pg 365**

*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.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

**Concluding Hymn:** Come thou fount of every blessing **Hymn 686**

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

***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: The Episcopal Church; The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop.
- For those in our parish, we pray for: Service Ministries: Bazaar Group, Mission/outreach ministry, Meals on Wheels, Parish Life Ministry, Emmanuel Dining Room, Family Promise, Pastoral Care Team, Hope Center and Brandywine Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Esther, James, Barbara S., Gail, Tammy, Joel, Holly, Tom, Melissa, Christine, Carole, Helen, Carolyn A., Les, Julianna, Debbie M., Pablo and family, Daniel, Mary, Faye, Robert, Carolyn, Robin, Ed, Debbie, Wilma, John, Tara, Olivia, Kevin, Ellie, May, Diane, Barbara B., Gail, Vidal, Sandy, Geri, Charles, Isabela, Judy, Liz R., Emiliano, Jean and Rich and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries.

*(Please note that the names of those requesting our prayers will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like your name(s) to remain on the prayer list longer, please call the office at 302-994-1584.)*

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: Carolyn, Cindy, Ralph, Manny, and Mason.

## BIBLE STUDY AND WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST UPDATE

During the month of July our Monday morning Bible Study and our Wednesday Morning Eucharist will be on hiatus. We will resume both in August, and we look forward to seeing you then.

## VISITING WITH US TODAY

Thank you to the Rev. David Andrews for joining us this morning. Fr. Andrews was the rector of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew from 2010 to the end of 2021. He was ordained an Episcopal Priest in 1991 and has served congregations in upstate New York and on the coast of Maine. He received a Masters in Social Work degree in 1996 from Marywood College in Scranton, PA. He has been married to the Rev. Emily Gibson thirty eight years this summer. In his retirement Fr. Andrews enjoys reading and travel. He and Emily leave for Madrid, Spain on the 15th and will join other pilgrims from the Shalem Institute and walk for a week on the El Camino.

## 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.

- Please sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Due to rising cases, face masks are both preferred and encouraged.

## 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.
- For now, in an abundance of caution, our home, hospital, and Eucharistic visits are on hold.

***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

One Sunday of every month, the members of the prayer team hold a "virtual" ZOOM prayer service (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.

Also, weekly we share the prayers and petitions that have been given to us and they are lifted in the daily prayers of the team members. All are welcome to provide their prayer requests and participate in these services.

**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 Carolyn Mack at cdmack37@gmail.com or call 302-565-8675.**

**NOTE: Our next ZOOM prayer team will be Sunday, September 11th at 5PM via ZOOM and include evening prayer.**

## SUMMER PRAYER TEAM UPDATE

During the summer months, the prayer team will continue to lift up prayer requests shared by parishioners through emails to the church office at 302-994-1584 or to individual members of the prayer team. We collect the prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world. Then these requests are lifted up in the daily prayers of the team members. All are welcome to share their prayer requests and we hope you will consider joining us when our monthly prayer services resume in the fall on Sunday, September 11th. More information to follow.

**For those who have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to email your prayer needs/requests to Carolyn Mack at cdmack37@gmail.com or call 302-565-8675**

**SERVING TODAY**

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| Videographer | Bruce Vrana |
| Usher: | Shirley Alexander |
| Vestry Greeters: | Ed Burdick |
| Counters: | Susan Winward |
| | Margaret Russ |