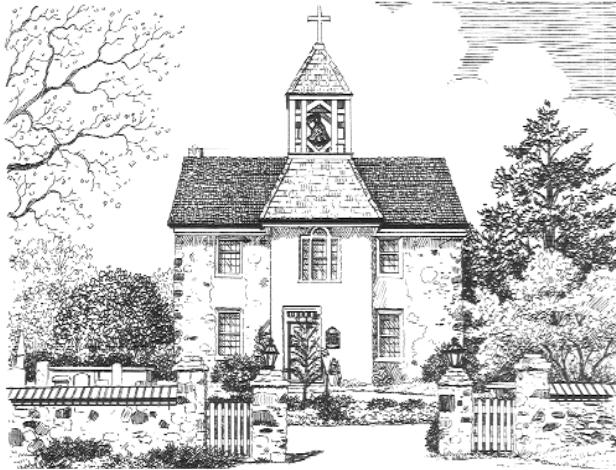


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18th, 2022

9:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MILLCREEK HUNDRED

We are very pleased that you have joined us today. St. James' Episcopal 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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	Allyson Heinold - Disbursing Treasurer	
	Susan Winward - Receiving Treasurer	

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

9:30AM

THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude: Air on the G String J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn Holy Father, great Creator Hymn 368

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 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.*



The First Reading ~ Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The Gradual ~ Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.



The Second Reading ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

Hymn 550



The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If

then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ben Rockwell



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: The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

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.**

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

Hosanna in the highest, 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.

Communion Hymn There is a balm in Gilead

Hymn 676

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 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: As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymn 705

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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John W. Jackson III by his wife Marlene Jackson and daughter Kathryn Jackson for his birthday.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: Lay Ministries in the Episcopal Church in Delaware.
- For those in our parish, we pray for: Senior Warden, Bruce Vrana, Junior Warden, Carolyn Joynt, and all members of the vestry.

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Matty, Rich, Chrissy, Alaina, Karen B., James, Gail, Tammy, Holly, Christine, Carole, Carolyn A., Les, Julianna, Debbie M., Pablo and family, Daniel, Mary, Faye and family, Ed, Debbie, Wilma, John, Ellie, May, Diane, Barbara B., Sandy, Geri, Charles, Judy, Jean, 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: Emma, Allyson, Carol, Donna, Robert, Paige, Mackenzie and Elle.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their anniversary this week, especially: Jennifer and Mark Idell

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

UNIFORMS NEEDED FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Friendship House's goal is to collect 10,000 school uniform items before the start of the 2022-2023 school year to support 13 local public schools. They need youth khaki pants sizes L, XL, and XXL and youth polo shirts in navy, red, or white, sizes L, XL, and XXL.

Items can be left in our St. James' collection boxes--- inside the front door of the church or Monday-Thursday a box is outside the Parish Hall on the front porch. They will be delivered to the Friendship House Clothing Bank. Alternatively, donations can be taken directly to the Friendship House Clothing Bank at 1603 Jessup St., Wilmington, DE, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm.

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Fauerbach 302-584-8053. Thank you!

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.

PRAYER TEAM RETURNS TO MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer Team Returns to Monthly Prayer Service Sunday, September 11th at 11 a.m. in the church.

Since March of 2020, the prayer team suspended our in-person monthly prayer team meetings and held virtual meetings. As we had for many years, we continued to lift up prayer requests shared by parishioners through emails to the church office at 302-994-1584 or shared with individual members of the prayer team. Those who had an immediate prayer need when the office was closed were invited to email their prayer needs and requests to Carolyn Mack at cdmack37@gmail.com or call or text 302-565-8675. This will continue.

Sunday, September 11th we will return to monthly in-person prayer team meetings in the church.

Please note along with sharing any prayer requests by calling the office (302-994-1584), sharing a request with a prayer team member, or sharing with Carolyn Mack (see above), the slips for prayer requests are back in the church foyer. So, please feel free to write out a prayer request and put it in the prayer basket.

We continue to collect the prayer requests and other concerns of the parish (shared with prayer team members or shared with Liz in the parish office), community, and world. All are welcome to share their prayer requests in whatever way meets their needs. Then these requests are lifted up at the monthly meeting and in the daily prayers of the team members.

We hope you will consider joining us as we return to the church and hold a brief prayer service this Sunday, September 11th at 11 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. service and enjoying a break for fellowship and a snack during Lemonade in the Circle.)

Please note, that our October service will be on October 9th at 11 a.m.

ST. JAMES' PASTORAL CARE TEAM

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

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

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

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant:	The Rev. Ben Rockwell
Lector/Eucharistic Minister:	Jennifer Idell
Director of Music	Keith St. John
Videographer	Bruce Vrana
Usher:	Dave Winward
	Susan Winward
Vestry Greeters:	Susan Winward
Counters:	Susan Winward
	Margaret Russ