

January 23, 2022
Sanctuary Worship, 11:00AM

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers and wear appropriate facemasks at all times inside the building.



A **spiritual gift** is **given** to each of us so **we** can **help** each other.

Prelude

We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.

Call to Worship

Leader: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

People: for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Prayer

Lord God in heaven, today we gather as your people to worship you in spirit and truth. We celebrate your life in us and celebrate your body, the church. Help us to reflect your love for us with the love we have for each other. It is with great joy that we come before you today, joined by your Spirit. Thank you for your love and mercy shown to us. Thank you that we can comfort one another with the same love and mercy that has comforted us. Praise be to you, our shepherd. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture. Help us today to understand more fully how you have made us to live together and serve each other. Help us to understand your plan for your body and to give you praise. Amen.

Hymn – Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand.

As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:

Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands,
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.

E'en in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:

Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease.

Where, oh where, can weary souls find the source of peace?

Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.

Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray, send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife:
Jesus, Master, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

UMH 552. Tokuo Yamaguchi; trans. By Everett M. Stowe.

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Elias at 252-578-1090.)

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, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *Simple Gifts*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Till by turning, turning, we come round right.

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Scripture Lesson – 1 Corinthians

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the

same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the hand can't say to the eye, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they?

Message – The Power of One, Part 2

Hymn – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
with thy faithful loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

UMH 559. 7th cent. Latin, translated John Mason Neale, 1851.

Blessing & Sending Out

Forward to Share Our Offerings

Outside to Share Peace and On to Be One in the Lord

What to know this week ...

Life Line screening will be at St. James on Saturday, January 29 by appointment. For information about Life Line screenings available and to make an appointment, please visit <https://lisa.social/HSC>.

*At the January Administrative Council meeting, the Council reviewed and discussed the proposal which was shared with the church last week, as well as the congregational responses received. After lengthy conversation, desiring to make worship and discipleship easily available to all, the Council adopted the following schedule which will begin on **February 6:***

9:15AM Common Thread, Parking Lot and Patio worship

10:15AM Discipleship

11:00AM Sanctuary Worship

St. James UMC returns to our sign-up for weekly altar flowers – now digitally! You may sign up on any 2022 date to provide live, fresh flowers on the sanctuary altar for the Sunday Sanctuary Worship service. Please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48a4aa2da2f85-2022 for more details and to sign up for your special date. If you need assistance signing up online, contact Martha in the church office during regular office hours.

To fully support the mission and ministry of St. James, our Finance Committee is recruiting members who will focus on raising funds to support the financial well-being of the church outside of regular contributions. Many of you are creative, have the skills needed to plan and execute fund-raising events, and can sell ice to a penguin. We need you! Please talk with Temple Walkowiak or Kim Lamb to volunteer your skills!

Food pantry needs this week: hearty soups, cereal, pasta sauce (in cans or plastic jars). Thanks for your continued support!