

January 30, 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.



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

“For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.” So often we read your words too quickly, dear God. We rarely let them sink into our hearts and our minds. Grant us a few moments now, Lord, to allow this verse to speak to us. Let us find a thought that encourages us, a spiritual jewel that we can turn over in our minds to see how it sparkles and shines. Speak to us through your word. Amen.

Hymn – *The Voice of God Is Calling*

The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;

Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:

“Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?

Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?

“I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;

no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.

I see my people falling in darkness and despair.

Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?”

We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!

Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.

Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;

But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;

purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

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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 – *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them, whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart, in my heart.

Here I am, Lord. I will go, Lord. Here I am.

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Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 1: 4-10

The LORD's word came to me: "Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child."

The LORD responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say. Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you," declares the LORD.

Then the LORD stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth. This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant."

Message – The Power of One, Part 3

Response

Jesus, you told your followers that the fields were ready for harvest and that they should pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send workers. So we pray, now, for workers. Give us the faith to answer your call. Raise up people to love their neighbors, serve the poor and communicate your good news to bring people to you. Break us and heal us, Lord, and send us to be agents of healing in a broken world. Amen.

Hymn – *The Servant Song*

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out to Share Peace and Be Sent to the World

What to know this week ...

*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!