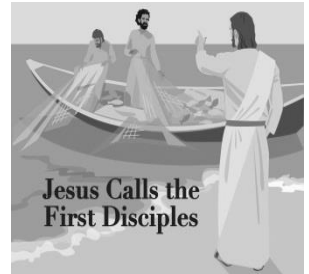


March 20, 2022

Sanctuary Worship, 11:00AM

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers. Masks are no longer mandatory inside the building, but recommended. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!



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.

Scripture Lesson – Matthew 4: 18-25

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread throughout Syria. People brought to him all those who had various kinds of diseases, those in pain, those possessed by demons, those with epilepsy, and those who were paralyzed, and he healed them. Large crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from the areas beyond the Jordan River.

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

People: My heart says, “Your face, Lord, will I seek.” Do not hide your face from me.

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: In God’s tent are sounds of great gladness. Let us sing and make music to the Lord.

Hymn – Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me!”

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,

turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

UMH 398. Cecil Frances Alexander, William H. Jude.

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 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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Scripture Lesson – Mark 3: 13-22

Jesus went up on a mountain and called those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve and called them apostles. He appointed them to be with him, to be sent out to preach, and to have authority to throw out demons. He appointed twelve: Peter, a name he gave Simon; James and John, Zebedee's sons, whom he nicknamed Boanerges, which means "sons of Thunder"; and Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, Alphaeus' son; Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, “He’s out of his mind!”
The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, “He’s possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons.”

Lord of the Dance, verse 2

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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Message – Lord of the Dance, Part 2

Hymn – An Outcast Among Outcasts

An outcast among outcasts, dismissed with double scorn,
belittled by the labels: “unclean” and “foreign born” –
came back with thanks for Jesus, and then went on his way:
an outcast among outcasts showed grateful faith that day.

An outcast among outcasts, where three were crucified,
derided by the others as they hung side by side –
came back from death with power, God had the final say:
an outcast among outcasts shows God to us today.

For outcasts among outcasts the boundaries are redrawn,
by words, “Your faith has saved you,” by cross and Easter dawn.
The distant longed-for centers of power, peace, and care,
where life is free to flourish, are found now everywhere.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Forward to Share Our Offerings

Out to Share Peace and On to Follow Christ

What to know this week ...

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God
by Mary Ellen Mauney in memory of Elizabeth Westmoreland.

Meetings this week: Administrative Council, 4pm today in Carson Hall; UMYF, 4pm today in Montague Hall; Mary Brown Circle, 10am Wednesday in Montague Hall; SeniorTechEd, 1pm Wednesday in Room 12; Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm in the north parking lot; The Colossian Way, 7pm Wednesday in Room 12; Produce packing, 9am Saturday in Carson Hall

Food Pantry needs this week: canned chicken, canned fruit, 2 lb. bags of rice

Scholarship Applications are Open! Each year the Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship is awarded to a member of St. James who is a senior in high school or is currently attending college. Applicants must be an active member of St. James UMC. Guidelines and applications for the scholarship are available on the youth bulletin board. The deadline to submit an application is April 10.

COVID Protocols Update

1. Beginning Sunday, March 6, masks are recommended but not required inside the building.
2. We will continue to use extra spaces between worshippers, skipping rows in the Sanctuary and spacing our chairs widely in Carson Hall. We will also continue to record worshipper seating so that we are able to communicate any COVID reports to those who participate in indoor worship on a given Sunday.
3. We will continue to respect the boundaries of others, simply rejoicing that we may worship together.
4. We will continue to provide outdoor access to 9:15 worship (in cars and on the patio), along with a heater for the patio.
5. These guidelines will apply to our Education wing as well, including our preschool.

The Landing Spot Discipleship Class has resumed their weekly meetings at 10:15 am in Room 12.

Lent Prayer Calendar: The St James-specific prayer calendar is on the website and updated weekly. Please remember each day to pray for the needs of our church, our community, and our world.

Fundraising opportunity: St. James has an opportunity to work concession stands at PNC Arena as a fundraiser for the church. This can be a fruitful opportunity for fundraising AND fellowship! If you have questions or are interested in participating, please email Temple Walkowiak (twalkowiak@gmail.com).

Wednesday Worship, 6:30PM We will worship in the North Parking lot and have communion at 6:30 each week of Lent. These 30-minute services will include music, prayer, scripture, message and communion. You are invited to remain in your cars, or to place lawn chairs on the patio! Check the website each week for any inclement weather updates.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers reminder: There are still dates available if you would like to honor or remember someone special with a flower arrangement on the altar. Visit the Members page of the church website (www.stjumc.us) or contact Martha during regular office hours for details.