

**March 27, 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.*

**Call to Worship**

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.**

**Leader: You forgive all our iniquity, you heal all our diseases, you redeem our lives from the pit and crown us with steadfast love and mercy. You satisfy us with good as long as you live so our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**All: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

**Hymn – *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus***

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;  
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;  
Let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;  
Dispel the memories of guilt and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease,  
And heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace.

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**Ministry Moment – Temple Walkowiak**

## **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 – *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear Your voice, O Son of Man.  
In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of Your tears.  
From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, Your heart has never known recoil.  
The cup of water giv'n for You still holds the freshness of Your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of Your face.  
O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again, again!  
Till all the world shall learn Your love and follow where Your feet have trod,  
till glorious from Your heav'n above shall come the city of our God,  
till all the world shall learn Your love.

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## **Scripture Lesson – Luke 13: 10-17**

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her

bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

### ***Lord of the Dance, verse 3***

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die.

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 3**

#### **Prayer**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

C. Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th c.

#### **Hymn – *Be Thou My Vision***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true work, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 ...**

**Meetings this week:** "Women of the church" general meeting, today at 5:00PM in Room 12; Children's Ministry Council, Monday at 6:30PM in Carson Hall; "Basic Genealogy Concepts " by Raleigh SeniorTechEd, Tuesday at 1:00PM in Room 12; Midweek Lenten Communion, Wednesday at 6:30PM in the north (playground) parking lot

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

**Did you know?** United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! In addition to a name change, there's also an updated website ([www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org)) and new and improved programs. To discuss the changes and plan the way forward for our Circles, all interested St. James women are invited to attend a general meeting this afternoon at 5:00PM in Room 12.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.