



St. James United Methodist Church
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**We must
OBEY
GOD
rather than
— ANY —
HUMAN
AUTHORITY.**

ACTS 5:29, NRSV



April 24, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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

Leader: The risen Savior shines upon you!

People: Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Sharing Easter Peace

Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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Prayer

God of Life, your risen Son has gathered us into the church, nourished us with his body and blood, and poured out upon us your Holy Spirit. Grant that we may receive the blessing of your grace, so that we may love you with all our hearts, and gladly feed your sheep in the name of Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb!*

Hallelujah! And a hallelujah! Hallelujah, Lord, unto the risen Lamb!

Hallelujah! And a hallelujah! Hallelujah, Lord, unto the risen Lamb!

Jesus hung on the cruel tree; hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

And he gave his life for you and me; hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

Hallelujah! And a hallelujah! Hallelujah, Lord, unto the risen Lamb!

The women came at the break of day; hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

Oh, the angel rolled the stone away; hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

Hallelujah! And a hallelujah! Hallelujah, Lord, unto the risen Lamb!

Hallelujah! And a hallelujah! Hallelujah, Lord, unto the risen Lamb!

Unto the risen Lamb!

Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Lloyd Larson. ©2005 Choristers Guild.

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.

Scripture Lesson – Acts 5: 27-32

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: “In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man’s death.”

Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Message – I Just Can't Help It

Hymn – *Lift High the Cross*

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out to Rejoice in the World

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: Colossian Way, 4PM today in Room 12; UMYF, 4PM today in Montague Hall; Finance Committee, 6PM today in Room 12; SPRC, 7PM today by Zoom; SeniorTechEd: Open Help Workshop, Monday at 1PM in Room 12; Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM Monday in Carson Hall; SeniorTechEd: "Cut the Cable: Save on HDTV," Tuesday at 1PM in Room 12; Mary Brown Circle, 10AM Wednesday in Montague Hall; Colossian Way, 6:30PM Wednesday in Room 12

Food Pantry needs this week: 16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter, plastic containers of jelly, spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars, 16 oz. boxes of spaghetti

It's Baseball Season! Please join the Social Committee at Five County Stadium for our annual Carolina Mudcats game on Friday, May 27. First pitch is scheduled for 7:00PM and it is Fireworks Night!!! Tickets are \$11 each. Please register for tickets [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcgzz0mwE-6QQ/viewform).
(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcgzz0mwE-6QQ/viewform>)

The Yard Sale is coming on June 4! Start getting your donations ready! Watch weekly emails and announcements in weeks to come for more information.