

St. James United Methodist Church

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Welcome to on-line worship from St. James United Methodist Church!

We are pleased to have you as part of our family of faith today and every Sunday.

Visit www.stjames-umchurch.org and click on online worship at the top of the homepage. Turn your sound on and follow along with this bulletin.

The announcements are at the end of the bulletin.

February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scouting Sunday

GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

GATHERING MUSIC	Darlene Skene
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Lynne Mentzer
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Scout Ben Adams
SCOUT OATH	Scout Peyton Connelly
SCOUT LAW	Scout Lochlan Fletcher
INTROIT	Darlene Skene

PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

OPENING PRAYER	Scout Evan Carlson
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Lynne Mentzer
THE LORD'S PRAYER	

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME		Eric Carlson
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 147:1-11	Scout Austin Mendrala
SERMON		Eric Carlson

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
“Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

Refrain:
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I’ll go with Him through the garden,
I’ll go with Him through the garden,
I’ll go with Him through the garden,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.
(refrain)

I’ll go with Him to the judgment,
I’ll go with Him to the judgment,
I’ll go with Him to the judgment,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.
(refrain)

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.
(refrain)

SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

SHARING THE MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST Eric Carlson and Rev. Lynne Mentzer
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND GRATITUDE MOMENT
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, all that we have is yours. All that we earn is through your grace. All that we enjoy is to your glory. As we offer our gifts and tithes this day to support the ministries of your church, let us do so with deep gladness; for you are our loving God and we are your grateful people. We offer this prayer and our very selves in Jesus’ holy name, Amen.

PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM THE SCOUTS

All Scouts

GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

* HYMN

“Standing on the Promises” No. 374

Darlene Skene

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

**Standing, Standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

* BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Darlene Skene

Announcements—February 7, 2021



ZOOM In for Virtual Coffee Hour Wednesday Mornings

At 10:30 AM each Wednesday morning, 16-20 church friends turn on their laptop computers and ZOOM in for our weekly virtual coffee hour. Invitations are e-mailed out to the entire church family no later than Tuesday afternoon – just click and join in on Wednesday morning. We check in with each other, share stories and God-moments, pray and laugh together. Won't you join us? If you haven't received your invitation by e-mail, please contact the church office. Hope to see you Wednesday!

The Clothes Closet is now accepting donations of clothing.

The St. James Clothes closet is open by appointment only. Clothing donations are now being accepted, also by appointment.

Please call the church office 424-7459 if you would like to make an appointment.

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday worship service will be available online at 7:00 pm on February 17. In a similar fashion to in-person communion, you may come to the church for imposition of ashes at noon and 7 pm using safe COVID-19 practices. Please enter through the side door at the top of the ramp, wear masks, and maintain 6 ft. distance between yourself and others.

Lenten Book Study

Our shared Advent bible study via ZOOM with new friends from the North Salem UMC has inspired us to offer a Lenten study in a similar manner. We will meet via Zoom from 7-8 pm on 6 Thursday evenings February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25. The book "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" by Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story, raising ethical and spiritual questions for readers, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.. Books cost \$8.49 each and are available through the church office. Sign up by calling the church office at 424-7459 or email stjamesmrmk@gmail.com. We will send Zoom invitations by email.

This Week's Events at St. James – February 7, 2021	
Today, Sunday 2/7	9:30 am Online worship with Love Feast and optional In-Person Communion
Tuesday, 2/9	9:30 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Church Council meeting
Wednesday, 2/10	10:30 am Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Next Sunday, 2/14	9:30 am Online worship