

# 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](http://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.

# Third Sunday of Easter

## April 18, 2021



### GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

GATHERING MUSIC

Darlene Skene

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

GREETING OF PEACE

INTROIT

Darlene Skene

### PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Wilson

L: Come, people of God, open your eyes –

**P: Yes, to see the Risen Christ among us!**

L: Open your ears –

**P: Yes, to hear His word for us today!**

L: Open your hearts –

**P: Yes, to love as He loves!**

L: And raise your voices –

**P: To sing, to pray, and to speak hope to a doubting world! Amen.**

HYMN “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” No. 304 (vs. 1-3) Darlene Skene

Easter people, raise your voices,  
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
Heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us  
From our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to  
Triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,  
With its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
To our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION

**O God, Easter has come and gone but the miracle of Easter lives on. Resurrection. New life in Christ. New hope in your Spirit. We confess our need for such miracles, now as in the days when Jesus walked the earth; and we confess our need to live as he lived: generously and faithfully. Bless the gifts and tithes we bring this day, and bless us to follow Jesus every day. We ask this in his holy name. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

HYMN

“Thine Be the Glory” No. 308 (vs. 1-3)

Darlene Skene

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

**Refrain**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For our Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.

**Refrain**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

**Refrain**

BLESSING

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

POSTLUDE

Darlene Skene

CLOSING HYMN

Sung Outside

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” No. 133 (vs. 1-3)

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God  
by The Fallu family in memory of Nat Loiselle*

# Announcements–April 18, 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!

## Hygiene Kits

We are now gearing up for our annual April collection drive of Hygiene Kits for **UMCOR**, United Methodist Committee on Relief. The contents of each kit have been selected with care, based on years of experience to make them as useful as possible, whenever and wherever they are sent. It is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more. Won't you please help by making a monetary contribution to pay for kits to be assembled.

The kits I've assembled cost \$5.00. This includes the \$1.00 for toothpaste. A check can be made out to St James with a memo for "Hygiene Kits".

Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Barb at [cherab@comcast.net](mailto:cherab@comcast.net), cell phone 494-1959.

## Sign Up for Altar Flowers

We have resumed weekly flower arrangements on the altar. Please call or email the church office if you would like to choose one or more Sundays to purchase the flower arrangement in memory or in honor of a loved one or to commemorate a special celebration. You may take the arrangement home after the worship service. Flower arrangements cost \$20.00 each. Make checks payable to St. James UMC and write "altar flowers" on the memo line.

## "Deep and Wide" Conference Resource Day with Leonard Sweet

May 22, 2021 from 10 am - 12 pm. We will travel together simultaneously deep (local) and wide (global) in looking at the importance of four key metaphors for the future:

1. Do Little Large: Small is All. The Particular is of Universal Significance. Can you taste your church's terroir?
2. Sozo Jesus (Sozo means "save" or "heal").
3. Mandorla Sweet Spot (Jesus always comes in surround sound). Can you hear the double ring?
4. Deep Breathing exercises (Holy Spirit Breathings and Breathology)

Clergy and Laity are encouraged to join in this online session. Visit [www.neumc.org](http://www.neumc.org) for details and to register.

This Week's Events at St. James – April 18, 2021		
Today, Sunday 4/18	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, 4/20	9:30 am 7:00pm	Food Pantry SPRC meeting
Wednesday, 4/21	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Saturday, 4/24	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
Next Sunday, 4/25	9:30 am	Worship