

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
June 19, 2022 – Father's Day

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Future Working Group met again this week and agreed to continue exploring possibilities for future ministry and faithful stewardship of the building . After a time of “brain storming” and wondering together, through the summer and into the fall, options will be shared with the Church Council and the Congregation for consideration.

The Congregation of St James is invited to explore other worship services on Sundays in July and August. In early September we will share what we have learned (sheets for notes available at the back).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of the world, eternal God: **We have come here to join in worship.**

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us: **We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.**

Spirit of unity, go-between God: **We have come on journeys of our own lives, to a place where our faith journeys meet.**

So here, in this place let us take time together to share and celebrate: **In your name, three-in-one God, pattern of community. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of Almighty God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our faith journey. **Amen.**

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbour. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you with arms of love.

In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

EvLW # 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MESSAGE

Serve all people following the example of Jesus.

SERVE ALL PEOPLE

Mark 10:42-45

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

1. FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

John 4: 9-10

Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman (part Israelite, part Gentile, often hated)

The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

2. *JESUS HEALED THE SICK*

Matthew 8: 1-3

Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

3. *JESUS WELCOMED CHILDREN*

Matthew 19: 13-15

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

4. *JESUS TREATED BOTH MARTHA AND MARY EACH WITH UNIQUE CARE AND COMPASSION*

Luke 10: 38-42

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.” But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

5. *JESUS FED MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND*

Matthew 14:18-21

“Bring them here,” he said. Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

6. *JESUS WASHED THE DISCIPLES’ FEET*

John 13: 4-7

So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.”

7. **JESUS FORGAVE MARY OF BETHANY'S SIN** Luke 7:37-48

You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. "I tell you, her sins - and they are many - have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

HYMN OF THE DAY

EvLW # 708 **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
2. Neighbours are wealthy and poor, varied in colour and race, neighbours are near us and far away. *Refrain*
3. These are the ones we will serve; these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbours to us and you. *Refrain*
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Jesus, you gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Inspire us, lead us, empower us to serve all people with a humble heart. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you kindle faith that moves us into action. Show us how to serve following your example. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, guide adults to be compassionate models of the Father's love for Jesus. We give you thanks for parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of Godly relationships. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you sat at table with the betrayed and rejected of Palestine. We pray for those today who do not feel your welcome and love in their daily lives. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you hear us when we cry to you. You heal and comfort the those who are ill or grieving especially Audrey, Brent, Liz, Deb, Lloyd, Jordon, Ferolyn, Elethia Daryl and Carol. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labours on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you identified with the naked and with those who had no place to lay their heads. We pray for the thousands of homeless men and women, old and young, in our cities. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family. We pray for the millions of displaced people in our world, especially those fleeing war in Ukraine and for the opening of borders to the nationless. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LITANY FOR UKRAINE

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For a world drowned in darkness, let me be the light.

For a world lost in hatred, let me show love.

Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

For a world steeped in suffering, let me offer comfort.

For a world that is lonely, let me be a friend.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world that craves warfare, let me be the dove of peace.

For a world that is weeping, let me wipe away the tears.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world trapped in sadness, let me bring joy.

For a world in constant doubting, let me sow seeds of faith.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

EvLW # 715 Christ, Be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go into the world. **We go to serve in Jesus' name. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Jun 21	Exodus 7:14-24	Acts 27:13-38	Psalm 65
Tue	Jun 22	Exodus 9:13-35	Acts 27:39-44	Psalm 65
Wed	Jun 23	Joshua 10:1-14	Mark 6:45-52	Psalm 65
Thu	Jun 24	Lamentations 1:16-22	2 Corinthians 7:2-16	Psalm 30
Fri	Jun 25	Lamentations 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Psalm 30
Sat	Jun 26	Lamentations 2:18-22	Luke 4:31-37	Psalm 30
Sun		Lamentations 3:22-33	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Psalm 30
		Mark 5:21-43		

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