



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 15; 8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A directions about standing are for those who are able.*

*Masks are welcome, but not required.*

### HOLY EUCHARIST

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**THE PRELUDE**     *Shared on Sunday.*

*Chorale Prelude 'The Son of God is Come'*

J.S. BACH

*Bells may be rung.*

*The people stand as the ministers enter.*

**THE OPENING HYMN**     *Sung on Sunday.*

**HYMN 193**

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

PUER NOBIS

#### WELCOME AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Presider*     Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People*     **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Leader*     Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Info for worship**

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

**THE SONG OF PRAISE** *Spoken at 5:30 and 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

**HYMN S278**

*Gloria in excelsis*

MATHIAS

*All*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and fore-knowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue

rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord *or*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE** *Conserva me, Domine*

**PSALM 16**

*The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 1:3-9

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord *or*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN**      *Sung at 10:45.*

**HYMN 691**                      *My faith looks up to thee*                      OLIVET

*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**JOHN 20:19-31**

*Reader*              The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*              **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in

the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Reader*              The Gospel of our Savior

*People*              **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**THE REV. ANDY HOULTBERG,  
BREAKTHROUGH/ESS**

*At the conclusion of the sermon, a moment of silent reflection is observed.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand as able.*

*All*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Reader* In joy and hope let us offer our prayers to God.

*Reader* That our risen Savior may fill us with joy for the gift of Christ's glorious and life giving resurrection, we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter; we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love; we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That God may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter; we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That by God's power war and famine may cease through all the world; we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That God may reveal the light of Christ's presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them; especially: \_\_\_\_\_; we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised in joy; especially: \_\_\_\_\_; we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* That the Holy One may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon God's people, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, we pray to God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Gracious God, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the light of your Son: grant that, as Christ's death and resurrection recalled us to life, Christ's continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Savior.

*People* **Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE PEACE**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Leader* The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad they had seen the Lord. Alleluia.

*Presider* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of our neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Presider* Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, our bodies rest secure  
- for God has been exceptionally generous. So be generous,  
and let your gratitude be sincere, overflowing in gifts for  
God's work.

## THE OFFERTORY

*On Sunday, please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward. During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Shared on Sunday.*

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

MARILYN BIERY

**THE PRESENTATION HYMN** *Sung on Sunday.*

*Please stand as you are able as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.*

**HYMN 198** *Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise* MACH'S MIT MIR, GOTT

## THE PRESENTATION

*Presider* All things come of you, O God.

*All* **And of your own have we given you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

### Text Giving

You can now give to St. James using your mobile device!

Text **StJamesWichita** and the amount you want to give to **73256**

Click the link that is sent back to you.

Complete your gift using the online form provided.

[Example Message](#)

To: 73256

Text: StJamesWichita \$75



**SANCTUS** *Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

**HYMN S128**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*

MATHIAS

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people remain standing as able.*

*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All*

**We remember Christ's death, we proclaim Christ's resurrection, we await Christ's coming glory.**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of

*Presider* time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The people remain standing as able.*

*Presider* And now as our savior Christ has offered, we are bold to say:

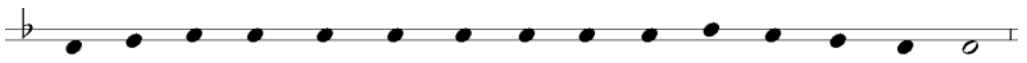
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE FRACTION** *Spoken at 5:30 and 8:30. Sung at 10:45.*

### HYMN S152

*Christ our Passover*

MARTENS

  
*Presider* Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

  
*All* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The congregation is seated.*

*In the Easter Season, Holy Communion is shared at stations in the nave.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Sung on Sunday.*

**HYMN 184** *Christ the Lord is risen again!* CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

*A moment of silence is observed following Communion.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Please stand as you are able.*

*All* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)** *(when necessary)*

*Clergy* In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**EASTER BLESSING**

*The People may remain standing.*

*Presider* May Almighty God, who redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for always. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Communion in One Kind**

The doctrine of the Eucharist affirms the simultaneous presence of Christ's body and blood in each of the Eucharistic elements (the bread and the wine). It contradicts a narrow identification of Christ's body with the bread and Christ's blood with the wine, but it upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine. The communicant who receives Christ's body and blood in one kind – the bread only – has fully received the sacrament of Holy Communion. At St. James some refrain from sharing the common cup under pandemic conditions.

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. If you have prayers you would like added to the prayer list, please call or email the office. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If your prayers have been answered, we would love to rejoice with you. Contact the office at [office@stjameswichita.org](mailto:office@stjameswichita.org) or 316-683-5686 to let us know that we can remove your prayer request.

The parish prayer list is available each week in the eTower email and in the service bulletin or insert. You are invited to take your bulletin with you so you can continue to pray for those on our list through the week.

**THE CLOSING HYMN** *Sung on Sunday.*

**HYMN 492**

*Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

FINNIAN

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE POSTLUDE** *Shared on Sunday.*

*Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing!*

A. WILLIAMS

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

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The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
The Rev. Andy Houltberg, Presider  
Shannon Johnston, Lay Worship Leader  
Christy Manning, Organist

ACOLYTES:

Jay Price, Claire Tanner

CHALICE BEARERS:

Mary Druding, Jay Price,  
Richard Bowman, Michael Kephart

LECTORS:

Adrienne Edwards, John Robison, Drew Rucker,  
Michael Kephart, Joan Moore

USHERS:

LoWaine Robison, Keith Stevens,  
Jeanne Kroeker, Johnson Olanya

*10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream*

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## PARISH PRAYERS

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**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**In the World Council of Churches**

**Cycle of Prayer:** Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Arkansas City

**Our seminarian,** Maddy Bishop

**Those serving in the military:** Will

Corkins, Maureen Tanner

**Those who have recently died:**

Maggie Hefling; Terrisa Compton; Lafern McDonald; Larry Heeren; Chris Rogers

**Those who have died in Aprils past:**

Martha Allen; Glenn Cooper; Jean Crutchfield; Peggy Joy Day; Mildred Early; Betty J. Bowman Edwards; Gary Fast; Thomas Faulkner; Susan Jones; Sharon Lawrence; Beverly McCausland; Jan Moreland; Thelma Ross; Bettie Jane Salter; Arthur Skaer; Mary Smith (Solbach); Larry Soice; Sharon Spencer; Nancy Tapp; Marie Taylor; Kansa H. Unruh; Earl Whepley; Mary Yeager

**Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity:**

Dalrona; Jan D.; Daimon; Heather; Roger; Robin H.; Lisa F.; Anna; Chris, Jeremy, Christopher H.; Dick & Judy M.; Liz; Jaime; John O. and family; Darwin P.; Brianna P.; Peer M.; Drew H.; Kai; Ron D.; John R.; Janet R.; Marge R.; Phil S., Celia B.; Sylvester; Sharon & Jerry; Jan. M., Andy S.; Pat; Peggy S.; Deb H.; Bill and Jeri; Jayne P.; Barbara H.; Suzy R.; Helen B., Bill and Carolyn, Dave W.; Carole; Bob and Sue; Dal; Gus; Joan J.; Martha L.; Betty; Marcia & Lowell; Sage; Joseph B.; Jerry M.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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**MONDAY, APRIL 17**

5:30 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group  
7:00 pm - Graduate EfM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

6:00 pm - Sacred Ground

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**

6:00 pm - Choristers Rehearsal  
6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 pm - Education for Ministry (EfM)  
7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm - Middle & High School Youth Group

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

12:00 pm - The Book Club of St. James/  
St. Stephens  
6:00 pm - Vestry

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

8:30 am - In-Person Worship Service  
9:45 am - Adult Forum  
10:45 am - In-Person & Online Worship

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle** meets in-person on the third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 pm. This is an excellent and emotional education about race in America. To find out more about Sacred Ground, talk to Deb Bagby or John Robison who will facilitate, visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about).

St Stephen's **Daughters of the King** will have a Spring Assembly on April 22 that will be focused on **Creation Care**. You don't have to be a member to attend - everyone is invited. There is a modest attendance fee of \$10, but it covers lunch. Just call (316) 634-2513 and a registration form will be mailed or emailed to you. For more information you can also contact Mary Sloan.

Join us this summer for **Vacation Bible School!** We are collaborating with 4 area churches, Grace Presbyterian, Plymouth Congregational, and College Hill UMC, for our first-ever Ecumenical VBS! This will bring lots of fresh ideas, volunteers, and kids. VBS will be **July 17-21 from 5:30 (meal included) - 8:00 pm**. It will be at College Hill UMC. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with VBS this year, contact Chelsea at [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org)

**Shower Up Program:** Breakthrough ESS will begin its Shower Up program for the homeless on Wednesday, May 3, and they will need volunteers. If you are available on Wednesday mornings in May, please contact Rachel Newell for some brief training. You can sign up for this program by contacting Rachel at [rachel.newell@breakthroughwichita.org](mailto:rachel.newell@breakthroughwichita.org)

**The Outreach Committee** wishes to thank St. James for this year's Undies Sunday Drive. It was very successful. We collected a total of 2,980 items and most of these were diapers. The majority of the diapers were in sizes 5 and 6 which is what the Wichita Children's Home said they really need. Thanks for your support - Mary Klocke

**Special prayers for creation** will be part of the worship services next weekend, April 22-23, in recognition of **Earth Day** on April 22, 2023.

**Senior graduate books to sign:** The congregation is encouraged to stop by the old Deacon's office and write a message in each of the "Oh The Places You Will Go" books to the graduating seniors (Lauren Schmeidler, Deacon Marlin, Talia Halley and/or William Compton). These books will be available starting on Sunday April 16th and collected to give to the seniors on Youth Sunday, May 14, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Clark at [aws1155@yahoo.com](mailto:aws1155@yahoo.com) or 816-797-6177.

### Sign up for the weekly eTower

Stay connected with everything happening at St. James!



## St. James is going to **Sponsor a Refugee Family** through IRC (International Refugee Committee)

**THE NEED:** 1200 or more refugee families will come to Wichita in 2023. St. James will be helping one family to build new lives in our city.

The St. James effort will be led by two very capable women, **Suzanne Laycock** ([slaycock1@gmail.com](mailto:slaycock1@gmail.com)) and **Jessica Moore** ([jessicamoore0928@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicamoore0928@yahoo.com)). To become part of the Leadership group for this effort, contact Suzanne or Jessica.

**Financing:** Before we can begin, IRC requires that the sponsoring group have at least \$5000 on hand. Our Pocket Change Ministry has given them \$500.00 as seed money for the project. If you wish to contribute financially, write a check to St. James, and write "IRC Refugee Project" in the memo.

The Outreach Committee will be holding several special Fun and Fund raising events. Watch for more information in the eTower.



# WELCOME

## **WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

### **ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Loving ~ Liberating ~ Life-Giving**

The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon

Warren Kim, Choir Director

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

Susan Stallings, Parish Bookkeeper

Krystal Poindexter, Parish Communicator

Jose Alonso, Sexton

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