



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 22; 8:30 AM AND 10:45 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

### THE THIRD 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.*

*No. 1 Prelude*

MICHAEL GOTTHARDT FISHER

*Bells may be rung.*

*The people stand as the ministers enter.*

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

**HYMN 416**

*For the beauty of the earth*

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

#### 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* O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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### THE FIRST LESSON

**ACTS 2:14A, 36-41**

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

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them,

saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**THE RESPONSE** *Dilexi, quoniam* **PSALM 116: 1-3, 10-17**

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

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



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my sup-**plication**, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon **him**.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of **me**; \*  
I came to grief and **sorrow**.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the **Lord**: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my **life**."
- 10 How shall I repay the **Lord** \*  
for all the good things he has done for **me**?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of **salvation** \*  
and call upon the Name of the **Lord**.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the **Lord** \*  
in the presence of all his **people**.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the **Lord** \*  
is the death of his **servants**.
- 14 O Lord, I am your **servant**; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my **bonds**.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks-**giving** \*  
and call upon the Name of the **Lord**.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the **Lord** \*  
in the presence of all his **people**,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's **house**, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halle-**lujah!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 1:17-23

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

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages

for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*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 301** *Bread of the world, in mercy broken* RENDEZ A DIEU

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 24: 13-35**

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other

while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and

how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Reader*           The Gospel of our Savior  
*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**                           **ELIZABETH WENGER, WORSHIP LEADER**

*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.*

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

*Intercessor* Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Intercessor* Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Intercessor* Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Intercessor* Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Intercessor* Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help \_\_\_\_\_. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Intercessor* Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. *Silence.*

*Intercessor* God, Giver of life,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Presider* Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE PEACE

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Leader* And while I prayed in the depths of the heart, everything around me seemed transformed: the trees, grass, birds, earth, air, light—every created thing seemed to proclaim that bears witness to God’s love for humanity. Everything was praying. Everything sang glory be to God.

*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

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Presider* We are surrounded by Earth’s gifts of beauty, diversity, and power. We are called to be stewards and caretakers of our amazing and fragile pale blue dot. Let us offer back our gifts of money, skills, and service to our ongoing shared work with our Creator.

## 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.*

<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Fughetta 'Praise be to the Almighty God'</i>	J.S. BACH
<i>10:45 am</i>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	JOHN RUTTER

## 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.**

### 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



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAIRIES

*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* We should always remember to thank you, our Root and Source of life.

For you brought light and life into the world, you made the wind your messenger, and you commanded the sun. You have created the little blue stem and the blazing star, You made the monarch and the bald eagle. You made us to live upon the earth as neighbors to all living things. You yourself lived upon the earth as your Son Jesus Christ, who by becoming one of us, showed us the way of love. Christ is, for us, like the roots of your prairie grasses, deeply dug into the earth to be our foundation and anchor.

For all this we give thanks and praise, joining together with the voices of all your saints who have lived the way of love, singing this hymn that proclaims your power.

**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* Creator and Source of life, we are grateful that in love you made us part of your creation, but like the branch that separates from the vine, we have turned away from you. We have forgotten to live in the way of love, as neighbors to your people and the natural world. In faithful love you sent your son, Jesus, to teach us the way back to you. Just as fire in the prairie restores new life, Jesus brought fire to the earth and offered his own body on the cross to be the one and only sacrifice for all of creation, to show us the way to new life in you.

*Presider*

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.”

Together, let us tell the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

Remembering Jesus’ life and death, and celebrating our place in salvation, we offer these gifts of bread and wine, as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They were made with human hands from the gifts of your creation. We also offer ourselves, a living sacrifice, to be your people. Let us bear fruit as the branches of the vine.

Send your Spirit on these gifts, to be a Holy Sacrament. Make them for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit, also, on us, your people, so that we may be a sign to the whole world. Let us be the hands of Christ in the world, to work towards healing of the earth and of your people, and give us hope in the promise that you will bring your creation to fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

We ask all of these things through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him, through the Holy Spirit which he sent for us as an advocate and ever-present guide, and through you, Creator God, all honor and glory belong to you. **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:

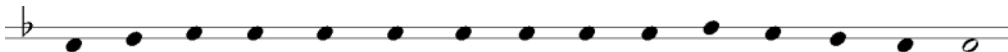
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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 MUSIC** *Shared at 10:45.*

*Fughetta 'Praise be to the Almighty God'*

J.S BACH

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

**HYMN 305** *Come, risen Lord*

ROSEDALE

*A moment of silence is observed following Communion.*

## 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.

## 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.*

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

**HYMN 376**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**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.*

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

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The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
The Ven. Jeff Roper, Archdeacon  
Chase Moore, Lay Worship Leader  
Elizabeth Wenger, Lay Worship Leader  
Christy Manning, Organist

ACOLYTES:

Deb Bagby, Alexis Fletcher

CHALICE BEARERS:

Dana Stelter, Necia Rillema,  
Danny Blair, Rick Milhon

LECTORS:

Vicky Petty, Necia Rillema, Chelsea Whipple,  
Suzanne Laycock, Megan Upton-Tyner

USHERS:

Janet Newlin, Barbara Orsak, Angie Carroll, Matt Carroll

*If you would like to give flowers for the altar to honor or memorialize loved ones, you can reserve a date by signing up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling or sending an email to the parish office, [office@stjameswichita.org](mailto:office@stjameswichita.org)*

*Floral arrangements are \$80 and they should be paid for before the date you have chosen on the calendar.*

*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 Church of the Province of Uganda

**In the World Council of Churches**

**Cycle of Prayer:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Mark's, Blue Rapids

**Our seminarian,** Maddy Bishop

**Those serving in the military:** John

Kephart; 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 24**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

4:00 pm - Outreach Committee

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

10:00 am - Welcome Committee  
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 27**

12:00 pm - The Book Club of St. James/  
St. Stephens  
5:30 pm - Endowment Funds Board

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

5:30 pm - In-Person Worship Service

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

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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On **Tuesday, April 25**, the Outreach Committee will meet at **4:00 pm** in the lounge. We will discuss initial plans for the **Refugee Project** and several fun **fundraising activities** to help the refugee project. We will also plan an **Open House at St. Francis Ministries** to let the congregation see the **five Family Visitation Rooms we have furnished**, a project that has served as the charitable portion of our **100 Year Fund Drive**. Please come and help us plan. You are always welcome.

**Reminder:** There will be a Spring Assembly of the Daughters of the King that will be focused on Creation Care - **everyone is invited to attend**. The modest attendance fee (\$10) covers lunch on site at St Stephen's where the assembly will be held. Please call 316 634-2513 and a registration form will be emailed to you. **You can register and pay at the door also**. For more information you can also contact Mary Sloan at [msloan04@yahoo.com](mailto:msloan04@yahoo.com).

**Creation Care** has completed – with help from Jr. Warden, Danny Blair – and others- an energy audit of the St. James building. The Audit shows that much care and diligence has been exercised in helping our 100+ year old building to be as energy efficient as possible. The report will be shared with the Vestry this week and will be accessible on the Creation Care webpage.

Login to REALM and join the group called **Parish Prayer Chain** to receive prayer requests from members of this parish.

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)

**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!



# 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.

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