

St. James Presbyterian Church

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Introit: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Bert & Sue Foster

God Gathers Us In:

Lord, for a moment we stop
And in our stillness give praise to God,
Who looked at the new creation and said |
"It is very good"
Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

In this unusual time, God draw close to us. Take away our fear and confusion. Replace our doubt with shouts of joy and praise. Remind us that you are always with us in all moods and seasons, in darkness and light, as well as in between. We pray for your vision and wisdom as we walk in the light of your love. Amen.

Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Call to Confession:

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those, who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our brokenness to God.

Prayer for Forgiveness:

God of all Goodness and Light, forgive us when we disappoint you. Forgive us when we misunderstand or when we act wrongly. Forgive us when we sell out your love for us and buy into the world's approval. Guide us into a better understanding and a deeper faith, we pray. Amen.

(time of silent confession)

Congregational Response:

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The Passing of God's Love and Peace:

As we make our way day to day, sometimes hour to hour, we are encouraged to remain in community by extending the peace of Christ in our homes, and through phone calls, and emails. Who haven't you seen recently? Reach out to them.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination:

Loving God, as we hear your Word today, inspire us to be watchful. Through your Holy Spirit lead us with your wisdom, vision and hope. Open our hearts and minds, so that we may be steadfast in our hearing, speaking, faith, and living. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 29:18-27

Musical Meditation: Blessed Be Your Name
Sue & Bert Foster

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-4

Sermon: "What's It All About?"
Suzanne Souder

Joys and Concerns

Hymn#356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayers of the People & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering:

While we aren't together to physically present our offerings, needs still exist. Please continue to keep your pledges current and send gifts as you are able. During the offertory, think about those things for which you feel blessed and for which you are thankful.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication:

We are thankful for your faithfulness to us, and so we remain faithful in supporting your church in our world. May our gifts of time, talent, and treasure be pleasing to you, and we ask that you direct their use. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

Hymn Go to the World

Charge and Benediction:

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, go into the world to love and serve our Lord. Peace be with you all.

Hymn #525 (Refrain) Here I Am, Lord