

# St. James Presbyterian Church

## May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Introit:

*Getty & Townend*

In Christ Alone  
*Jack McLaughlin*

God Gathers Us In:

In our homes and away from the sanctuary today, we come together in mind and spirit to worship our Almighty Father together through this online service.

***Let us join in worship wherever we are this day!***

Release the worries and to-do lists that you have in your mind and focus now on God.

***We trust in God, and we will focus our hearts and our minds on Him during this time of worship.***

We thank our Lord, Jesus Christ, for this time together.

***Thank you Jesus for this time with you today! AMEN.***

Opening Prayer:

***Dear Lord, during this time we come to you from our living rooms and offices, we come to you as a physically separated community of faith. Help us to let go of all the busyness and anxieties that we have in our hearts and lead us in this time focused on You, Jesus. Help us to join together as one Church as we worship today, and guide us in your Spirit. We pray all of this in Your great name, AMEN.***

Song

Good Good Father

*Chris Tomlin*

Call to Confession:

Even in this time of crisis, we are called by God to strive to live in a Christlike fashion, but we all fall short of the glory of God and we are called to repent for our shortcomings. Let us pray together for forgiveness from our Father.

Prayer for Forgiveness:

***Merciful God, You see every deed left undone and every misdeed we have chosen to perpetrate. We come to you with heavy hearts with all of the things we know we have done wrong, and we recognize that there are even more that you have seen even when we do not realize we have done wrong. (time of silent confession) We ask you to forgive us for our poor decisions and mistakes, and we ask that you guide us with your light toward the Christlike life that you have set out before us. Help us to work for your justice, show your mercy to others, and to walk humbly in your name. In your name we pray and seek forgiveness. AMEN.***

Congregational Response:

Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God has shown His great mercy and He has forgiven us of all our iniquities!

***Thank you God! Help us to sin no more!***

The Passing of God's Love and Peace:

*Please take a moment now to text/call/speak to someone from our congregation and wish them the peace of Christ! But if you feel led to, you can do more than that! Our normal passing of the peace lasts a **while** at St. James, so don't be afraid to take some time to pause the service and talk to your loved ones or the friends who you miss from church!*

The peace of the Lord be with you!  
***And also with you.***

Chat with Kid President

Prayer for Illumination:

***All-knowing God, as we enter this time of learning, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to your Scripture and the lesson we hear today. Let only Your words be heard, and help us to truly embrace Your Word for us as we worship You today.***

First Scripture Reading:

Luke 14:12-14

Musical Meditation:

Be Thou My Vision  
*Jack McLaughlin*

Second Scripture Reading:

James 2:14-18

Sermon:

Preparing the Table  
*Theo Camara*

Song

Cornerstone

*Hillsong Worship*

Joys and Concerns (A Time of Prayer)

Offering:

*Even while we aren't together to physically present our offerings, the need still exists. If you are able to, please continue to send in what you are normally able to tithe so that we are able to continue to provide the congregation with a fully prepared service of worship and further discipleship each week.*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication:

***Provider God, we thank You for all of these offerings that we have been given this week, and all that we will be given in the week ahead. Lord, lead us to use these tithes in a way that is pleasing to You and to further Your Kingdom. In Your name we pray and give our offerings. AMEN.***

Song

Shout to the Lord

*Hillsong Worship*

Charge and Benediction:

God has gathered us into this time of worship, but we are called to live our lives in worship to the Lord! Go now and continue to worship our God always. Work for His justice, show His mercy to others, and walk humbly alongside our God.

***We will worship God always! AMEN!***

Song

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again  
*Karsen & Karen McLaughlin*