

# St. James Presbyterian Church

## May 24, 2020

### GATHERING

WELCOME

INTROIT

*Key/Smith*

The Star Spangled Banner  
*Jason Mescia*

GOD GATHERS US IN (*Hymn Sung in Unison*)

HYMN #322

*Iverson*

Spirit of the Living God

Opening Prayer

*Spirit of God descend upon our hearts. Remove our earthly concerns and give us your strength to focus on your truth. Help us to be fully present now so that we can know your love, joy and grace. Let us lift our hearts and minds in joyous praise to you. Amen!*

HYMN (Attached to Bulletin)

*Root*

When He Cometh

CALL TO FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

*Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

Forgive us.

*(time of silent confession)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
Hallelujah!

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

THE PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHAT WITH THEO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Loving God, as your Word is shared today, inspire us to be attentive. Through your Spirit open our minds and hearts to your wisdom, vision and hope. Inspire and motivate us, so that we may be diligent in our seeking, discernment, faith, and living. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Smith

My Country, 'Tis of Thee  
*Jason Mescia*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Sermon

Spiritual Wisdom  
*Suzanne Souder*

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

THE APOSTLES CREED & JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN (Attached to Bulletin)

Ruth Duck

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Creator God, thank you for your faithfulness, presence and love for us. We remain steadfast in supporting your church in our world. May our gifts of time, talent, and treasure be pleasing to you, and please direct their use. Also, we want to thank you for all people and their families, who over the ages, have risked their lives in the service of our nation. We have been blessed, because of their sacrifice and diligence. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

HYMN #262

Warren

God of the Ages

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Filled with the wisdom of the Spirit, go also in and the name of the Father, and the Son to love and serve our Lord. Peace be with you all.

CLOSING SONG

Berlin

God Bless America  
*Jason Mescia*

# When He Cometh

(Jewels)

W. O. Cushing

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George F. Root

C C F C G C

1. When He com - eth, when He come - eth to make up His jew - els, All His  
 2. He will gath - er, He will gath - er The gems for His king - dom, All the  
 3. Lit - tle chil - dren, lit - tle chil - dren who love their Re - deem - er, Are the

5 C F C F C G C (Chorus) F C

jew - els, pre - cious jew - els His loved and His own. Like the stars of the morn - ing, His  
 pure ones, all the bright ones, His loved and His own. (Chorus)  
 jew - els, pre - cious jew - els, His loved and His own. (Chorus)

11 C G C F C F C G7 C

bright crown a - dorn - ing They shall shine in their beau - ty, Bright gems for His crown.

# Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.