

**St. James Presbyterian Church**  
**September 20, 2020**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Outdoor Worship**

**GATHERING**

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

GOD GATHERS US IN

from Psalm 105

One: Give thanks and call on God's name; tell the world about his deeds.

*All: Sing praises to the Lord, and tell of all his wonderful works.*

One: Praise God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.*

One: Remember God's wonderful works, his miracles, and his judgments.

*All: He is the Lord our God. His justice fills the earth.*

*Let us worship God.*

OPENING PRAYER

*All: O God of heaven and earth, of time and eternity, of life and love and light, we worship you. We praise you for your perfect beauty and holy majesty. We thank you for your goodness and mercy. You are worthy of our adoration and deserving of our acclamation. We join with the saints of all times and places, with the angels and heavenly choirs, and with all creation in praising you. May what we do here this morning honor and glorify you. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

HYMN # 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the confidence that God hears us when we pray, we now confess our sin:

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

*All: Merciful God, we want to be more like Jesus, but we can't do it without your help. We need your mercy and grace day after day after day. We confess our weakness; we continually give in to temptation. But rather than throw up our hands in failure, we choose to admit our constant need for you. Show your power through our weakness. You have defeated our sin by your son's death on the cross. Let us live in the truth of who we are in you, not who we were before. Make us holy; make us like you. Hear our personal confession in silence.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God pours out grace on each of us, although we never earned it and don't deserve it. In Christ our sins crumble away; we are made new and released into hope to live for praise and for glory.

**All: *We hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.***

HYMN OF RESPONSE #355 Hear the Good News of Salvation (verse 1)

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*from a social distance*)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: *Loving God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, and in that food, satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6: 5-15

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16: 2-15

SERMON

“Daily Bread”  
*Elder Rosamond Presby*

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

HYMN # 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN # 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

(verses 1 & 2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Hymn 281**     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

**Hymn 422**     *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
From your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
Costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by you, we turn to you,  
Offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever,  
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom,  
Races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
Lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants  
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
Gain through powers your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
And to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
As we heed Christ's ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
Serving you by loving all.

Words by Robert Lansing Edwards, 1961. CCLI # 5356074

**Hymn 538**    *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful  
To the truth may we be found.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

When God gathers us to worship, we share our joys and concerns with one another and commend them to God. Please pray for the people and churches whose names appear on this list, and add the joys and concerns that are shared during the service to theirs as you pray for others in the week to come.

The Jehu Family

The Johns Family

Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church (*Hancock, MD*)

Cliff Hanner and Family (*death of Linda on September 16, 2020*)

Tom Dardick, Kathleen Vickroy, Geneva and Collyn (*all dealing with and recovering from the COVID19 virus*)

Carol Rudy and family (*death of Sam*)

Dick Geisel (*hospitalization*)

Wallace Grissinger

Jim & Joyce Masters

Janet & Lin Sanders

Seth Carter

Chance Stephens (*entering Naval Training*)

Kay B (*cancer*)

Pat Dudzinski (*Jane Michaliszyn's mom*)

Marilyn Cooker (*Liz Kimmel's sister –pancreatic cancer*)

Betty Brooks (*breast cancer*)

PNC Committee – *Tom Dardick, Steve Grubb, Deb Hanner, Karen Howenstine, Ginger Johns, Karen McLaughlin and Joyce Shirley*

All those who have passed away due to COVID-19 without their loved ones nearby and their families who are unable to be with them or each other during this difficult time

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERING** - You may mail or drop off your offering to St. James Presbyterian Church at 1425 Orrs Bridge Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. You may also give using the Give Plus Mobile app or scan the QR code with your smartphone to begin the online giving process. A link to online giving can also be found on our church website at <https://stjames-presby.org/>. Please note that 2% of your online/app donation will go to processing fees and not to the church. Therefore, the church would prefer if you are able to have your bank send a check or mail your offering directly to the church.

**NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR ST. JAMES** - We have signed up for dropping off a "Dinner: for Carlisle CARES Shelter Monday 9/21. We are looking ST James members to sign up for a portions of the meal. The menu will be meatball subs and sides. We will need rolls, 2-3 side dishes, and two people to make enough meatballs in sauce for 15 people each. They serve about 30 men, women, and children a meal at the shelter. Meals are new at CARES due to concerns over The potential risks of COVID 19. Residents do not have to travel across town to another homeless agency if meals are contributed. St James "Be the Bridge" zoom group has contributed two meals recently. This time we would like your help! St James members can prepare their contributions at home and will need to drop them off at the church between 3 and 4 pm on 9/21. One volunteer will then deliver the meal to Carlisle for everyone. Please contact Carol McNulty [carolmcnulty@comcast.net](mailto:carolmcnulty@comcast.net) to volunteer a dinner item or for more information.

**NEW STUDY IN WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP** - The Wednesday Night Small Group starts this Wednesday at 7 p.m. We will discuss I'm Still Here by Austin Channing Brown. This memoir takes a look at a Black woman's experience as a Christian and examines her interactions with American schools, professional spaces, and places of worship, providing insights on how to deal with microaggressions and blatant racism. If you are interested in joining the small group, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Please send Steve Grubb an e-mail at [Stevengrubb@comcast.net](mailto:Stevengrubb@comcast.net) to be added to the list for Zoom invitations. Please purchase a copy of the book at a local bookseller or on-line retailer like Amazon, Barnes and Noble or [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com). Please consider joining our group! The discussion is deep and the impact is real. Here are some comments from group members who participated in the Be the Bridge book study:

*Bridges connect many things... including people. I did not know I needed to work on my bridge building until I read the book Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison. It is an inspirational and informative look at racial injustice in our nation - past and present. This book has transformed my daily interaction with people of color in amazingly positive ways. But more than that, it challenges me, you and everyone to be the bridge builders for healing of the world and the glory of God.*

-Sue Foster

Here is the Syllabus for the I'm Still Here study:

Week 1 (9/16): Introduction, Chapters 1, 2

Week 2: Chapters 3,4, 5

Week 3: Chapters 6, 7

Week 4: Chapters 8, 9

Week 5: Chapters 10, 11, 12

Week 6: Chapters 13, 14 and Afterword

**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE** - St. James is currently improving our social media usage in order to let everyone know all of the amazing things that happen at and through St. James! If you haven't yet, please follow us on Facebook and our newly created Instagram! **(St.James\_Presby)**

We will be posting about everything that is happening around the church and this should allow you (as a member of St. James) to stay fairly well informed with your faith family! Other communication will still be sent out (emails, bulletins, announcements, etc.) but this will allow you to stay connected in another way without checking your email! Please follow us if you're able!

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY – WEATHER PERMITTING** - Join the fellowship committee for a “Walk in the Park” at Adams Ricci today, after church. After entering the park off Magaro Road, make the first left and drive around the playground to the parking lot. You will see a pavilion where we will be meeting. The nail museum is located on the path above the pavilion. The paved path is just a little over a mile. Enjoy the butterfly garden, check out the caboose and new railroad crossing signage at the south entrance to the park, watch people playing pickleball, tennis, basketball and bocce ball. There could also be lacrosse, football, soccer, volleyball or baseball being played on the many athletic fields at the park. There will be children playing at the playground(s). Pay attention to the beautiful sculpture at the entrance to the park. The young at heart can walk the steep trail down to the creek. It is possible to keep social distance between you and your St. James friends and get some exercise and fresh air!

**UPPER ROOM BOOKS** – If anyone would like an Upper Room devotional book, please email Jen at [stjamesoffice@verizon.net](mailto:stjamesoffice@verizon.net). If I get a request I will mail the book to you. The September / October books are available now.