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worship

WORSHIP

Sundays

10 am

&

Wednesday

7pm

Live & via

700m

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The Voice of St. James

Thoughts from Pastor

Just Be

In this day and age when there are so many things pulling on a person's time, it is difficult to "Just Be". Perhaps your spouse is calling on your time, your child(ren), your parent(s), and/or your friends. Work, volunteering, and/or school are making demands on your time and you. Family responsibilities are part of your daily routine. Different things require our attention at different times and for different reasons. Sometimes, one wants to scream "Calgon take me away." (Those in the younger generation – google it – you'll get the picture.) Or perhaps you'll say – "Give me a break."

God did not make us for constant busy-ness. But it seems our world is wired that way.

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God created the sabbath for a purpose: for rest. As God needed rest, so too do we.

We need rest to be rejuvenated, to be recharged, yet even more importantly – to Just Be. We can be ourselves as we take the time to Just Be. We do not have to be someone's spouse, child, parent, student, employee, employer, you fill in the list. To just be is to not have to take on a role, to not have to act a certain way. You can just be you.

When we take time to 'Just Be' we can become attuned to who God wants us to be, who God created us to be. Also, when we take time to be still, we can truly experience God's connection with us. As the Psalmist writes "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46:10)

Take a break, not a Kit Kat break, but a you and God break. It can be a minute, it can be 20 minutes, it can be a half day or even a whole one. Take that break and just be. Take that break and



rest your body, your mind, your Spirit. Take a break and sit in quietness, and just breathe. Take a break and let God hold you and all your weariness. Take a break and feel God's love. Take a break and 'just be'.

Peace, Pastor Pam





- 1st Margaret Rea 10th - Linda Kisby 13th - Dylan Collins 17th - Dorcas Schellhas 18th - Brianna Tichy 20th - Claire Gilmore 21st - Hannah Johnson 21st - Amy Rodio 21st - Lindsey Rodio 25th - Steve Johnson 26th - Hannah Bonchi



Communion Assistants

- 1st Volunteers Needed 8th - Volunteers Needed 15th - Rose Jones &
- Winnie Ziegler
- 22nd Volunteers Needed
- 29th Volunteers Needed



- 16th Judy & Thomas Dunleavy
- 17th Jim & Sue Valenti
- 25th Steve & Jennifer Johnson



- 1st Jonah Moran 8th - Fred Tichy
- 15th Ed Volpa
- 22nd Sally Costa
- 29th Judy May



- 1st Volunteer Needed 8th - Volunteer Needed 15th - Winnie Ziegler & Rose Jones 22nd - Volunteer Needed
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

] 10am Worship	2	3	4 No Evening Service	5	6	7
8 10am Worship	9	10	11 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Worship	12	13	14 8am - 1pm Yard Sale
15 10am Worship 11am - Anniversary Meeting	16 7:30pm Council	17	18 ^{7pm} Worship	19	20	21
22 10am Worship 11 am Drama Team Mtg.	23	24 ^{7pm} Outreach	25 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Worship	26	27	28
9 10am Worship	30	31				AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm



Ryan Horton, Diane Eby, Rita Ricca, Hannah Bonchi, John Fiori, Claire

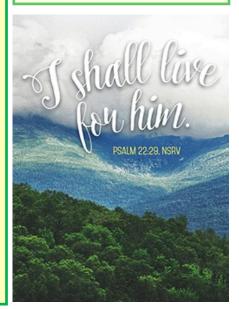
Gilmore, Don Haines, Joan and Marx Heller, Sue Chille, Jean Grimm. Ed & Dorcas Schellhas, Janet Caputo, Tommy Caputo, Julie Comunale, Maggie Rider, Tammy Brown, Emily McIntyre, Karen Carr, Toni Marinelli, Joanne Wiessner, Dawn Mamula, Kathy Gorbig, Edythe Aselta, Steven Mason, Marlene Triggian, Sandy Peters, Father Joseph Capelli, Joseph Greene, Jean Grimm, Chris Adams, Ginny Ortiz, Sherry Stanbach, George Eastland, Cherie Smith, Connie Smith, Kendle Kell, Thomas Penza, Debbie Miller, Baby Emerson Rae Loggia, Baby Piper, Jay Henry, George Smith Jr., Laura Librizzi, Lee Schuck Front Line Workers, and All Service Members.

Bills for Change

Don't forget your donations on May 1st. It is our last Sunday to collect for the Bills for Change.

For every \$5 given: \$ 3 will go to the Bishop's Challenge, \$2 will go to Outreach to help fund ministry in our community and beyond

Your gifts will make a change in other people's lives. Let's give generously.



LOOKING FOR CREATIVE PEOPLE



Do you like to write, do you like to act, do you like to create? Then we can use your help to develop a drama team to do skits as part of our worship.

Pastor would like to meet with you following worship on Sunday, May 22 to get a feel for interest. If you cannot make that meeting, but are interested, please let her know. Thank you.

CHURCH YARD SALE

May 14th

8am - 1pm

Start putting your items together for our yard sale!

Spaces will be \$10 (bring your own table)

Sign up in entry area. Proceeds from day will benefit families with emergency needs in our community.



Pentecost Sunday is June 5th, 2022. If you would like to order flowers this year, please complete the form below and mail it back or place in the offering plate by May 22 with your payment. Thank you.

PENTECOST FLOWER ORDER FORM

Attached is \$ _____ for (#) _____ flowers at \$10 each. Please make check payable to St. James Church.

In memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

To the Glory of God:

In Celebration of:

Other:

Your Name:_____

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Our Mission: Welcoming all people to abide in Christ, to experience God's love, and to do God's work in the world around us.



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