

Worship with Us....

Saturdays

- 5:30pm Casual Worship Sanctuary (in-person only)

Sundays

- 8:30 Traditional (in-person only)
- 9:30 Contemporary (in-person & live stream)
- 11:00 Traditional Service (in-person & live stream)
- 11:00 Contemporary (in-person only) beginning April 2

Watch the Livestream

On our website:

www.StJamesLR.org -

click on "Media" drop down to Livestream

On Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjameslr



Youth plan mission trip to Guatemala

This year we are taking our High School Students to San Raymundo, Guatemala. We will give generously of our time, labor, and hearts to build a house for a family in need. As well as providing an amazing gift, we too come back with our lives changed with greater relationships and with a greater perspective on the community given to us through St. James. In just one week, we transform an otherwise empty lot into a safe and secure 3-room home - complete with a cement foundation, electricity, metal roof, and windows and doors. As a result of this experience, each family receives a tangible symbol of the faithfulness and unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

We will partner with Casas por Cristo a mission organization that has been in Guatemala for 11 years and building since 1993 in Mexico. They work with the local pastors and churches to share the love of Christ by serving. You may read more about their mission at Casasporcristo.com.

If you'd like more information about the Mission trip, contact John Kimberlin, Director of Youth Ministries at 501-217-6729 or john@stjameslr.org.

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St. James United Methodist Church

Easter 2023

THE CONNECTION

A NOTE FROM BEN



Happy Easter!

I am so excited about how God is going to fill our hearts as we worship and praise the Risen Christ

this Easter. Your staff and clergy have been working for months to prepare meaningful Holy Week services that will glorify God and lead us all into a deeper relationship with Him. I have been specifically praying that this year God would stir our spirits in ways we have never felt before, that this would be an Easter that we will remember for the rest of our lives, one that changes how we love God and love others. I hope that you will join us on campus or online. Even more, I hope you will join me in prayer that all who gather at St. James during Holy Week and Easter will be compelled by the power of the Holy Spirit, and will experience lasting grace, transforming love, and enduring hope. I invite you to use this prayer each day. "Dear God, we thank you for your love for us that lead you to the cross on our behalf, and your power that defeated sin and death. We pray that you would bring that love and power to those worshipping at St. James on Easter, so that all might know your desire to save and redeem. God, send your Spirit to move among us, and lead us closer to you. Help us to come with open and expectant hearts. In Christ's precious name we pray, Amen."

Happy Easter!
Grace and Peace,

Ben



AT ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

Children's Palm Parade, 9:30 & 11:00am

Tuesday, April 4 - Easter Prayer

Pray over seats in the Sanctuary & Worship Center, 12:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 5 - Seder Dinner

Seder Passover Dinner, 6:00pm, Great Hall

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service

Youth Led, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Service

Audlt Choirs with Guest Musicians, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Friday, April 7 - Stations of the Cross

8:30am-8:30pm, Great Hall

Saturday, April 8 - Easter Eggstravaganza

10:00am, Front Lawn

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Services

8:30 & 11:00am Sanctuary
9:30 & 11:00am Worship Center

Sunday, April 9 - Flowering Cross

Easter Morning, Cisne Courtyard

Easter Lilies in
Honor or Memory
of a loved one.



To order your lily, scan the QR code here,
visit www.StJamesLR.org,
or pick up a form in the Welcome Center.
\$20 per lily - Deadline is April 1

PALM SUNDAY

All children are invited to join our Palm Parade!

Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 & 11:00am

Children will gather in the Great Hall to
prepare for the parade at 9:15 & 10:45am.



We invite you to the church to pray over each
seat in the Sanctuary & Worship Center.
Tuesday, April 4 between 12:00 -8:00pm.

Did you know that the average church will receive 25% of
their total visitors on Easter Sunday? Many, if not most, of
these individuals will non-churched or nominally-churched.
St. James is seeking your help in praying for the guests who
attend our services on Easter Sunday.

On Tuesday, April 4, both the Sanctuary and Worship
Center will be open from 12:00-8:00pm. We are asking
anyone who is able to come to the church, come and pray
in these worship spaces. We ask that the Holy Spirit move
individuals and families to attend worship; that we receive
our guests with open arms and hearts; and they will be
blessed by gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even if you are not able to come to the church and pray,
please consider offering this prayer up to God on Tuesday
or any day leading up to Easter. "Lord, help us to welcome
every guest as if we are welcoming you. Help us to delight in
their presence. May we be vessels of your love and grace to
them. Amen."



April 6 • 7pm • Sanctuary
Youth-Led

BY JOHN KIMBERLIN, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

Come to observe Maundy Thursday with a service held by
the Youth of St. James UMC.

As we gather we will have youth lead us in the call to worship,
and prayers, and even share their stories of Christ in their
lives.

This night Jesus gathered with his disciples to observe, honor,
and celebrate the Passover.

This night they observed the history, the storytelling, the
generations of generations who came to this night every year.
This night they honored their people, their leader Moses, and
the law.

This night gathered to celebrate the Passover, but . . .

This night is different. . .

This night we listen, hear, and celebrate

This night we listen to the voice of Christ call to us to eat and
drink.

This night we hear the parables, the miracles, the stories in
remembrance.

This night we celebrate redemption, rescue, and restoration.

The Flowering Cross



Bring fresh flowers on
Easter morning to be
placed on the cross.
We will transform the cross
from something bare to a
new creation in life!
The cross will be located in
the Cisne Courtyard
outside the Great Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The story of Jesus' life
and death during an experiential
Stations of the Cross.

April 7
8:30am-8:30pm
The Great Hall

Rutter's Requiem to be presented for Good Friday Service

BY KIRA KEATING, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, WORSHIP AND THE ARTS

A Latin requiem is used traditionally in catholic churches
during funeral mass services. The term "requiem", however, can
also mean the music that is composed for these services as well
as a much broader label to include pieces that have anything to
do with death or dying and suffering.

John Rutter's setting of the Requiem, was written in 1985 and
dedicated to his father who had died the year previous. Unlike
most Requiems which are sung entirely in Latin, Rutter mixed the
traditional Latin text with English Bible passages and words from
the Book of Common Prayer.

As is often the case, Rutter composed the Requiem in stages,
with one of the movements (a setting of Psalm 23, The Lord is my
Shepherd) being written ten years before as a stand alone choral
anthem. He first conducted the work in its entirety in another
Methodist church, Lover's Lane UMC in Dallas, Texas in 1985.

The St. James Chancel Choir had intended to present Rutter's
Requiem on Good Friday 2020, but due to the pandemic our plans,

obviously, had to change. We are so pleased to finally be able to
present it this year. You may even find some of the movements
familiar as we have presented each one in sanctuary services over
the last several years. The Lord is My Shepherd has been in the
choir's library for many, many decades already!

During this year's Good Friday service, Rutter's Requiem will be
interspersed with scripture readings that will take us through the
night following the disciples' last supper and the day of our Lord's
death. Although the music and text is often quite dramatic and
somber it consistently reminds us of the reason we "remember
the Lord's death until he comes." The promise of new life is
irrepressible in this composition as it always comes back from
the despair to restate "the hope that is within you". I encourage
you to come and worship with us on Good Friday, not only to
hear this gorgeous work, but also to put Sunday's celebration in
context of the immense price Christ was willing to pay to keep us
as his own.

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Service

Requiem by John Rutter
Friday, April 7, 2023 7pm
St. James United Methodist Church

Presented by the St. James Chancel Choir and guests

Kira Keating, conductor
Robert Lindley, organ

Barry McVinney, flute
Beth Wheeler, oboe
Dan Cline, cello
Justin Bunting, timpani
Luke Allred, percussion
Alisa Coffey, harp
Kyra Jones-Schmidt, soprano

Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
10:00AM

Front Lawn of St. James UMC

- Easter Egg Hunts for PreK-K and 1st-5th grades.
- Bounce Houses, Photo Booth, Games, Balloon Animals
- Lemonade, Popcorn, SnoCones, Cotton Candy

We hope you'll join us!