Announcements

Wednesday night meal—Join us again on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship during Dinner Church. All are welcome; invite a friend!

Election Day Bake Sale —Thank you to all who donated goods and who worked as sales people needed for our Election Day Bake Sale! \$466 was raised for missions!

Holy Week Schedule—Join us for worship during Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 13th 10 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday (at St. James UMC) Thursday, April 17th, 7 p.m.
- Ecumenical Good Friday—Friday, April 18th, Noon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Emmanuel/St. James Good Friday- Online Service (Posted at 5pm)
- Easter Sunday is April 20th! Coffee & Donuts 8:45 a.m.; Egg hunt 9 a.m.
- Easter Worship With Communion- 10 a.m

Lenten Worship Series "Bread of Life"— Our Lenten Series this year has focused on the many different Scriptures that Jesus spoke about and offered us Bread. Join us this last week of Lent for study opportunities: Tuesdays on Zoom at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2pm at St. James and Wednesday evenings at Emmanuel after the meal.

"Lunch and Fun" at Edison Elementary on Thursdays—Pastor Ben visits with a few young people over the lunch hour and plays board games. The more the merrier! Please touch base with Ben if you would like to join him some Thursday.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! Josh's dad had a successful surgery.
- ▼ Safe travels for Bradyn and his high school orchestra and band on their trip to Chicago.
- ▼ For 22 yr. old Olivia Geisthardt who is on hospice following 3+ years of chemo.
- ♥ For Kurt as he continues hospice, and Shiela as she cares for him.
- ♥ For Bev Stan's son-in-law, Mark, on the death of his stepfather, Kermit.
- ♥ For Bev's aunt, Betty, who is 98 and on hospice at Rennes.
- ♥ For those effected by the earthquake in Thailand.
- ♥ For Tina, who is in need of a reliable car

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Bread for Community

Luke 19:1-10 April 6, 2025 Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Choral Gathering—The Lord Is My Song — ON SCREEN

Call to Worship

Come down from the tree, Zacchaeus and friends. Come and worship together!

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

You are witnessed, worthy, and welcomed today by Jesus, the bread of life.

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Let us feast at the table of love and justice, where no one dines alone.

The bread of life has come to sustain us.

Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Hymn – As We Gather at Your Table — BLACK 2268

Prayer of Confession — ALL

God of righteousness and justice,

you know our hearts and minds.

While we center and glorify people

who are talented, famous, conventionally beautiful, or wealthy, you see beauty in places we tend to ignore or neglect.

We confess we have judged people

by their ability to fit into social norms,

win awards, accumulate wealth, and perform with power.

We miss the Zacchaeuses of our times

because we have overlooked the value of those

who don't fit our standards,

who struggle to be seen, or who are dismissed by society.

We have neglected to honor the dignity of those unlike us

or displaced from their homelands

and have allowed our biases to shape our actions and choices.

Forgive us, God, for the times we have failed to reflect

your inclusive love and justice.

Open our eyes to see the worth of every person,

and teach us to honor all your creation

with the respect it deserves. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Beneath the mantle of peace, Jesus, the bread of life, provides a bounty of fellowship, care, and connection. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Take a moment to greet others with the peace of Christ, which inspires us to care for the needs of our community.

Children's Message—Pastor Ben

Scripture — Luke 19:1-10

God, we thank you for your Word. The story of your grace.

Sermon — Bread for Community — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — At the Table of the Lord— CHOIR

Concerns and Prayers

Congregational Response—Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology — RED 95

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for the bread of life that sustains us.

May these offerings be used to feed the hungry, welcome our neighbors, and spread your love and justice throughout the world.

Bless both the giver and the gift,

that they may bear fruit for your kingdom. Amen.

Holy Communion— Choral Setting — BLACK 2257

Music during Communion—One Bread, One Body — RED 620

Benediction

Choral Benediction—God to Enfold You—ON SCREEN

Postlude