



**Sunday July 31, 2022 10:00am
Joint Service hosted by St. James
Music: Assorted Artists**

Prelude music (15 minutes before service starts)

Bells ring

Prelude Gathering for worship

Call to Worship: (responsively)

L: God, as we gather to worship you, we stand in awe of your creation.

P: **We see you in the rising and setting of the sun.**

We see you in the moon and the stars of the night sky.

Your creative presence is all around us.

L: We see you in the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea.

P: **From the flowers of the valley to the mountaintops in the sky,**

L: We see your beauty all over the earth.

P: **Let us worship you for who you are our creator and sustainer.**

Hymn:

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

Prayer by Pastor

Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance Responsively:

Pastor Blessed are you poor who have no work or too little income.

People **God has promised: ours is the kingdom of heaven.**

Pastor Blessed are you who are hungry now.

People **God has promised: we shall be filled.**

Pastor Blessed are you who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job, or your

children's lack of opportunities.

People **God has promised: we shall be comforted, we shall laugh.**

Pastor Blessed are you who are merciful.

People **God has promised: we shall receive mercy.**

Pastor Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice.

People **God has promised: we shall be filled.**

All **The time is surely coming when God's justice and peace shall reign throughout the land. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Affirmation of Our Faith:

Apostles' Creed

Hymn:

Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12

Message:

On the Mountain Top

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (all together)

May our offerings be given in grace and generosity. May we give, not from our abundance but in scarcity. Let these gifts be used to further your kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Sending:

And All the People Said Amen

Benediction and blessing

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Mt. Eremos, located between Capernaum and Tabgha, location of the Sermon on the Mount

