



# WEEKLY

Week of January 28, 2024

Whoever you are, wherever you find  
yourself in your journey of faith,  
you're always **WELCOME** at St. James'!

## ANNUAL MEETING

The St. James' Episcopal Church will hold its 208th Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4, 2024. This meeting will be held in-person directly following the 10:45am worship.

### The 2024 Vestry Slate being presented is:

#### Warden

**TBD 2yr term 2024-2026**

#### Vestry

**John Devins**

**3yr term 2024-2027**

**Beckie Hidy**

**3yr term 2024-2027**

**Tara Covert Lanning**

**2yr term 2024-2026**

**Carol Murphy**

**3yr term 2024-2027**

The State of the Parish and the 2024 Budget will be presented.

Warden and Vestry positions will be voted upon.

Questions can be directed to Bill Spalding, Junior Warden &  
Chair of the Nominating Committee

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday January 28

**Preacher: Rev. Joe T. Mitchell**

**Rector Search Committee Office Hours  
AFTER EACH Service**

7:30am Rite I Eucharist

9:00am Rite II Eucharist w/Choir \*

9:00am Mini-Saints /Saints in Training

10:45am Contemporary Worship w/  
Band\*

### Tuesday

7:45am Centering Prayer Zoom

10:30am Dive Deeper Bible Study

### Wednesday

12:00pm Healing Eucharist

**5:00pm Episcopal 101**

6:00pm Evening Worship \*

### Thursday

4:45pm Centering Prayer-Zoom

### Friday / **Rector's Day Off**

7:45am Centering Prayer Zoom

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**12:15pm ANNUAL MEETING**

\*Worship Live-Streamed

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Rector Search  
Committee Office  
Hours AFTER EACH  
Service TODAY

Wednesdays  
12pm Healing Service  
5pm Episcopal 101  
6pm Evening Prayer



Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 with Ash Wednesday. St. James' schedule of programming and worship services is different from year's past. Be sure to take a close look at all the offerings for dates and times. As always, St. James' website **StJamesSkan.org** will have complete descriptions of all the upcoming services and programming.

*Lent is about becoming, doing, and changing, whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.*



### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 13** **5:30pm -6:30pm**

Bring your palms to be burned at the top of the church driveway at 5:30pm. The annual pancake supper will be in the parish hall. The menu is pancakes (gluten free or full), sausage, and applesauce. Please sign up either at the back of the church or online so we can know how much food to have on hand. Recommended donation to offset costs of the dinner is \$5 per person/ \$10 for families.



### **ASH Wednesday February 14** **7:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm, Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes - Sanctuary**

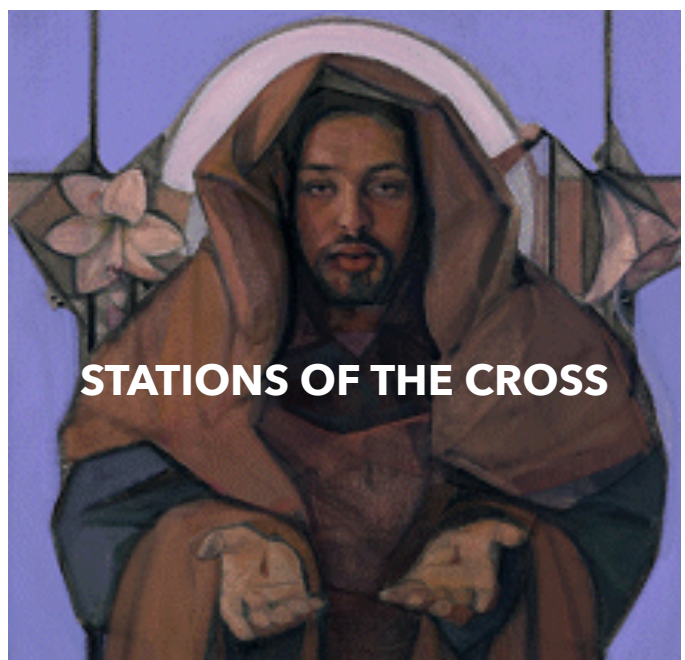
This solemn service marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this service, ashes are imposed on the forehead of participants in the symbol of a cross, with the words "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

### **9:00 - 11:00 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation-** **Downstairs Prayer Room**

Father Joe is available during these hours to absolution to hear your confession, if you choose to make one, as you head into the season of Lent.

### **2:00 - 4:00 pm, Ashes to Go-First Presbyterian Lot**

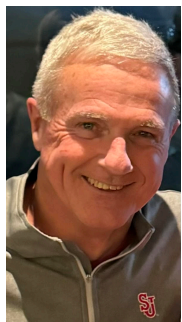
If you are out and about and cannot make an in-person liturgy this day, Fr. Joe will be outside in the village to impose ashes. Location TBA.



### **Fridays during the Season of Lent** **6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary** **(2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22)**

This short walk through the Stations of the Cross and Jesus' final moments is offered each week during this season. St. James' will again be placing the artwork by Janet McKenzie in the window wells of the Nave. Lay volunteers will lead these services. There is an online sign up or you can contact the church office to be a leader for this solemn time of prayer and contemplation.

## 2024 Vestry Slate



### **John Devins Vestry Member 2024-2027**

I am excited at the prospect of serving on St. James' Vestry. My wife Stephanie and I joined St James in 2017 following the marriage of our son Chris and Carolyn. Through their wedding, we learned about the wonderful faith community that is St James' and received a warm welcome from Becky and everyone associated with the parish. At St. James', I have served as an usher, assisted with lawn mowing, and helped the "unofficial" table wranglers team which prepares the parish hall for events. Stephanie and I moved to Skaneateles in 1988, and had 3 children attend Skaneateles schools. We are blessed with 7 grandkids. Upon graduation from St. John's University, College of Pharmacy, I worked in a variety of sales and marketing positions for Eli Lilly and Company for 38 years. It would be an honor to serve on St. James' Vestry as we continue on our exciting path forward!

### **Beckie Hidy Vestry Member 2024-2027**

I have attended St James since I was born. I was baptised and married in St James. I have been married for 30 years to Brian Hidy (the love of my life). Danae Hidy is our 25 year old daughter who was baptised in St James as well. She happened to be the first in a long line of children to be baptised in the lake in the 20th century. I work full time as a Reservations Manager at Mirbeau Inn & Spa and have been there for 23 years. I look forward to the next three years to be on the Vestry of my second home.



### **Tara Covert-Lanning Vestry Member 2024-2026**

I was born and raised in Skaneateles, and baptized and confirmed at St. James' by Father Jack Teeter, thus making me a third generation "cradle" Episcopalian right here on Lake Skaneateles. After graduating high school here, I attended and graduated from Keuka College with a Bachelor's degree in English. I spent the next 30+ years as a graphic artist and editor, mostly in the Geneva and Canandaigua areas. I also worked several years as a computer analyst and programmer at the University of Rochester. I volunteered post-9/11 for my local fire department, first as auxiliary president, then as department and EMS secretary, exterior firefighter, EMT and fire police officer. I returned home to the Skaneateles area in 2015. I now live in the Town of Niles, where I was interim Town Clerk in 2016-2017. I work part time for the Cayuga County Board of Elections as a technician and poll site manager. In 2017, Jim Lanning and I were married at St. James' by Reverend Becky Coerper. During our pre-wedding meetings with Becky, I found a warm and loving return within the walls of St. James'. I also rediscovered God's love and my faith was renewed in Christ's

work. I volunteered in the organization of the church's Jumble Sale. More recently, I have volunteered in the office and assisted in updating the church's directory. In November 2023, I was reaffirmed by Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe. In my recommitment to God's service, I've attended the Episcopal 101 series with Father Joe and Kristen Mitchell, joined the Altar Guild and hope to become more involved in some of our outreach programs. I am humbled and honored to be considered for the Vestry position and I hope to continue to serve in earnest with God's love.

### **Carol Murphy Vestry Member 2024-2027**

I have been a member of St. James' for three years. Prior to moving to the Skaneateles area in the summer of 2020, and recently widowed, I had spent the two previous decades on Onondaga Hill with husband Tom and attended St David's Episcopal Church in DeWitt where I sang in the choir, served as an MC, Lector, Intercessor and Vestry member. In earlier years (the 70's - 90's), I lived near Aurora in southern Cayuga County where daughters Julie, Nicole and Michelle grew up in a single-parent household while I taught high school and middle school French in Lansing. We attended the United Ministry of Aurora (Episcopalian and Presbyterian) where I sang in the choir, served on Vestry and as a Lector and Chalice Server. Currently, I volunteer at Interfaith Works as a tutor of citizenship and English to refugees and as the backpack organizer for newly-arrived refugee school children. I also sing with Masterworks Chorale here in town. A grandma of seven, I enjoy attending events of local grandkids. At St. James', I love choir singing, reading lessons and prayers, serving the chalice and helping out with Evening Prayer. It is an honor to be asked to serve on Vestry and I look forward to serving St. James' in this capacity.





# Take the Survey

**The Rector Search Committee** will be sending out a **Parish Survey via email** to gather input that will be vital to the search for our next Rector. Your Survey will be sent to the email address on file in our directory and only one person can complete the Survey per email address. If there are more than one person in your household wishing to complete a Survey, and they do not individually receive this message, we will need to send a link to the Survey to them directly through a separate email address.

Please contact Laura at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org) in the Church Office or Colleen Gannon at [cpgannon7@yahoo.com](mailto:cpgannon7@yahoo.com) if you wish to receive the Parish Survey at any other email address.



## Rector Search Committee

*Invites You to "Office Hours"*

**Jan. 28-AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Rector Search Committee will be in the parish hall after each service on Sunday, Jan. 28 to listen to parishioners' who wish to share their experiences at St. James' and characteristics they feel are vital in a new settled rector. There will be light refreshments and coffee. The committee is looking to you, the St. James' Family, to help guide them in this process.

### **The search team:**

Colleen Gannon and Marcia Watt (Co-Chairs),  
Nancy Corl, Jeffrey Davis, Susan Rynkiewicz,  
Erik Samhammer and Bill Spalding.



### **Did You Know? By Emma Cowley**

Did You Know the Women who made history by breaking records this year!

**Michelle Yeoh**-became the first Asian woman to win an Oscar for best actress. She won for her performance as Evelyn Wang in "Everything Everywhere All At Once"

**SZA**- Her album SOS broke the record for longest running #1 album on the Billboard Top R&B albums chart. "SOS" has spent 52 weeks and counting at #1.

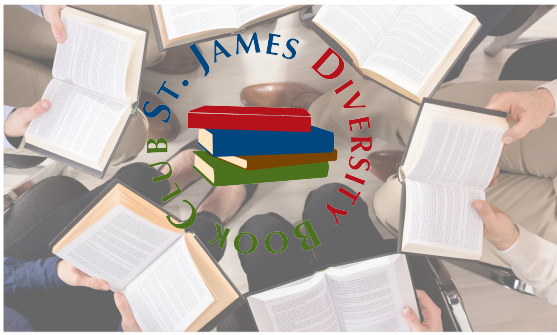
**Nouhaila Benzina**- Morocco made history as the first player to ever compete in a hijab at the World Cup. Religious head coverings were banned by FIFA until 2014.

**NewJeans**- Female K-Pop band broke the record for fastest K-Pop act to reach 1 Billion Spotify streams. He hit the milestone just 219 days after their debut.

**Sha'carri Richardson**- Won the 100 meter championship title, making her the fastest woman in the world. She saw a personal best of 10.65 seconds.



# Diversity Book Club



## Diversity Book Club Spring Season

All Discussions will be held  
at Noon  
in the Toppie Bates  
Lakeside Room  
(directly following Sunday 10:45  
a.m. worship)

### Explore the Heart of the Middle East with the Diversity Book Club

The Diversity Book Club presents ***The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*** by Sandy Tolan. **The discussion will be held at noon, Sun. Feb. 11, 2024** in the Toppie Bates Room. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book. Light refreshments will be served. For those who cannot join us in-person, a Zoom link is available (below).

The Lemon Tree chronicles a 35-year friendship between Bashir Khairi and Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, who met in 1967. The book is based on extensive research about the lives of two families in the midst of the century-long struggles in Palestine and modern Israel. Their lives intersect in the shadow of a small homestead with a lemon tree in the back yard. "This is the house with two histories. The house with the lemon tree," Tolan writes.

The book grew out of a 1998 NPR documentary in which Tolan reported on this friendship. The book was the subject of an extensive interview of the author on NPR's Fresh Air in May 2006 ( <https://www.npr.org/2006/05/15/5405369/the-lemon-tree-tells-mideast-history-via-friendship> ). The Lemon Tree received a 2007 Christopher Award (<https://www.christophers.org/awards>) and was a 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist.

The message of The Lemon Tree is as salient today as it was when it first published. As war rages in the Middle East, Christians are seeking to understand the roots of the violence and to find safe space to ask difficult questions. The Diversity Book Club seeks to provide that space at St. James'.

Join In-Person or On Zoom: Meeting ID: 884 4143 8918  
Passcode: 415274



### February 11

*The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* -Sandy Tolan



### March 17

*Once I was You: A Memoir of Love and Hate in a Torn America* -Maria Hinojosa



### April 21

*There There* -Tommy Orange



### June 2

*If Beale Street Could Talk* -James Baldwin

**YOUR**

**DONATIONS**

**MATTER**

*There's power in giving*

### **100 YOUTH BLANKETS FOR MEACHEM ELEMENTARY**

What better way to have fun than to cuddle up over February break? St. James' has supported Meachem Elementary in Syracuse for many years. These families have very little and the children count on the school for food, books, supplies and even warmth.

Meachem is once again giving blankets/throws to their students over Winter break...last year's event was a huge success...and 100 more blankets are needed for this year!

**DROP OFF BLANKETS IN BIN OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH HALL BY February 4th.**

FYI.... Walmart has very cute throws for 3 dollars each. Any questions, contact Connie Tuttle at 315-673-2213

**100 Heavy Duty Backpacks Needed for InterFaith Works** to help refugee families in Syracuse reestablish their lives and overcome the barriers to successful integration in their new communities.

St. James' offers help when families are in need. Adults & Children are given backpacks full of supplies. InterFaith Works has a great need right now. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside the Parish Office.

Questions, please Contact Carol Murphy at: 315-727-5202.

### **Let's End Hunger Locally!**

#### **Buy an extra item or two, make a BIG difference!**

Supporting the Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry is easy and (relatively) inexpensive. Pick up an extra item or two when you shop and bring it to church. Leave them in the basket outside the sacristy.

The pantry always needs cereal, 100% fruit juice, canned **black** beans, and canned fruit (any kind, including applesauce).

Prefer to make a monetary donation? Send to Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry, PO Box 901, Skaneateles, NY 13152 or via paypal: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=SBSWRVBEZKX7L](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=SBSWRVBEZKX7L)

#### **Questions?**

Contact Corinne Buterbaugh [corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)  
Cell: 571-215-6693

### **Altar Flower Donations**

Each week, the St. James' Altar Guild dresses the altar with amazing flower arrangements. This is an opportunity for anyone to donate money to have the flowers be in remembrance or celebration of a loved one's life. There are still several "open Sundays" for altar flowers in 2024.

All donations help offset costs associated with weekly fresh flowers.

If you are interested in donating altar flowers, call to the Parish Office 315.685.7600. The charge is \$55 payable to St. James' Church Altar Guild.

### **Children's Cooking Classes At Merriman Circle**

St. James' & the Auburn Rescue Mission are active partners serving the families living at Merriman Circle. Beginning this Thursday, Jan. 18 at 4pm -Nancy Lee will be leading cooking classes for up to 10 children. This program will run on the third Thursday of every month. Supplies and volunteer helpers are needed. Please take a moment to click on the button above and sign up to donate an item or two. If you would like to volunteer for one or multiple cooking sessions, add your name and contact info to the choice on the Sign Up form. You will be contacted to determine dates that work best for you. Donations can be left in the basket outside of the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Lee at 315-256-8196.

### **Parishioner in Need**

Looking for donations of table lamps or floor lamps, metal 2 piece broiler pan for an oven, and throw rugs. If you have something to donate, please contact Nancy Graham at 315.317.0138.





There is so much to the Episcopal Church and its history. Join Father Joe on Wednesdays at 5pm for one or all of these interesting topics.  
Questions-Contact Father Joe at [fatherjoe@stjameskan.org](mailto:fatherjoe@stjameskan.org)

## Episcopal 101 Classes Wednesdays 5pm in the Parish Hall

### Schedule of Topics

Jan. 24

Why Are You Wearing a Dress:  
An Explanation of Church Vestments

Jan. 31

My Purse Is On Fire: Thuribles, Chalices, and  
Other Fancy Church Objects

Feb. 7

When Do I Cross Myself:  
Manuel Acts and When/How to Do Them



### **Centering Prayer: Tuesdays, Fridays, & Thursdays -Zoom Only**

St. James' is expanding its Centering Prayer offering from two to three sessions each week. Centering prayer is a part of the ancient Christian contemplative tradition that has seen a resurgence in the last 50 years. It is a silent prayer that can be done alone or in groups that seeks to "open our awareness of God who is within us" (Thomas Keating, a chief spokesperson and architect of Centering Prayer).

**Tuesday and Friday mornings 7:45-8:30am**

**Contact Pam Stewart at [pjstewart50@verizon.net](mailto:pjstewart50@verizon.net)**

**Thursday evening 4:45-5:30pm**

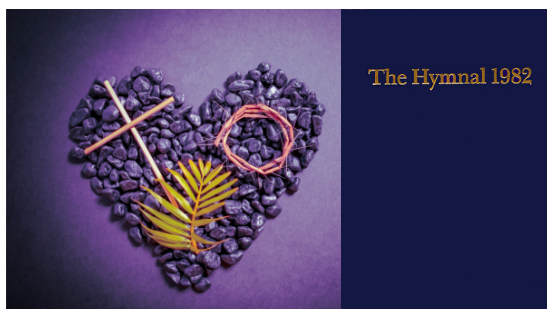
**Contact Dan Fisher at 315-256-5167**



### **Dive Deeper Bible Study 10:30 each Tuesday on Zoom!**

These studies involve an interactive group of parishioners discussing the upcoming Sunday readings.

For Zoom Meeting Information, please contact Rev. Chuck Stewart at [cnstewartsyr@gmail.com](mailto:cnstewartsyr@gmail.com).



### **History of Music in the Church Lenten Study will begin on February 21-March 20 on Wednesdays at 5pm**

In our Anglican tradition, music and liturgy are almost inextricably intertwined. Join our organist, Justin Oei, for a five-week Lenten study about the history, practice, and future of music in the Episcopal Church and beyond. No musical training or knowledge is necessary, and you won't be forced to sing on the spot (unless you want to!). We will of course delve into the Western traditions that heavily influence our worship, but we will also explore music making in the global Church as well. Contact Justin for more information: [justin@stjameskan.org](mailto:justin@stjameskan.org).

## St. James' Prayers for Week of January 28, 2024

**In our parishes, we pray for the people** of The Church of the Saviour & Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse, and their priest, the Rev. Steven Moore. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Thabo Makgoba.

**For those expecting a child:** Christopher & Erica Richards (family of Donna Richards), Travis & Stephanie, Victoria Spalding (daughter of Bill & Molly Spalding), Tyler & Chloe Blum

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Briana (close friend of Dan Johnson's granddaughter), Denise Eamer (daughter of Kathaleen Underwood), Elaine Easton (friend of Darwin Parker), Patti Allis, Janet Rundle (relative of Bill Spalding), Sandy Fillingham, Rick Burton, Mary Scott, Ed Cole, Christine Posecznick (sister-in-law of Laura), Susan Scholl, Suzy Jones, Ginny Pfau, Rachel Luziani

### Those listed on our long term prayer list:

Valarie family; Ed, Eileen, Eddy and Courtney and Tony Garastina (friends of Joan Johnson and family) Rachel Luziani, Ben, David & Gretchen (grandchild of Joan Johnson, her son & wife), Adam, Lexi & Theodore Gates, Doris Lanning (mother of Jim), Kelly Ryan, Sara Talley (granddaughter of Nora & Jim Brown), Sara Jones, Jacob Matlby (son of Kelly Ryan & Mike Spaces), Ed Blum, Matt Bates (son of David & Toppie), Robbie Clark (brother of Kristina Abbott) Adam Newlin (brother of Molly Spalding), Bob Madden (brother-in-law of Carolyn Legg), Tara Covert Lanning, Merz family (family of Dan Johnson), Darwin Parker, Jude Ker, Edith Palmer (mother of Sue Palen), Sue Palen, Nicole Hyde, Helen & David O'Neill, Kathy & John Dote (sister & brother-in-law of David & Helen O'Neill), Linda Lavery, Judy Santillo & Ann Malvaso (sister's of Marie Hughes), Jim & Patrick (brother's of Marie Hughes), Helen Burlingame (sister of Brian Davis), Betty Hunt (mother of David Peebles), Joan Johnson, Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), Virginia Williams (mother of Carolyn Ebner), Dot Pitman, Alexander Sturdivant (friend of Nancy & Rick Austin), Marie Bundy, Linda Hawley, Frank Ives, Griffin Palen, Don Evans, Linda & Nick Rossi, Melinda & Pete Hawley, Tacy Chantler (sister-in-law of Carrie Chantler), Euclide Mugisho & family, Roxanne Soprano, Cathy Valentine, Jeff Havemeyer, Sammy Birchenough, Adrian Coker (nephew of Michael & Danielle Larkin), Barbara Coyne (sister of Nancy Lee), Mary O'Neill, Gar Smith, Bob Doolittle, Lisa Mitchel (friend of Nancy Harris), Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Alberto Fry, Loretta Newman, Doris Buss, Belva Morton (mother of Kathy Inganni), David Bates, Helen Dayal, Scholl family, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibides), Jim Corl, Abbi Bennett (granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Pat Corl (sister of Jim), Gwen Birchenough, Sharon & Pat Gannon, Jennifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery), Tricia McMurdy (friend of Nancy Austin), Ingrid McCurdy, Ella (friend of Ingrid), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid)

### Those who have died:

Lucille Horne (sister in law of Meg Osborne), Bill Pfau, Arden Mumford (Barb Carmody's sister)

### If you would like to be added...

Prayer Lists above, please contact Nancy Graham at [nancy@stjameskan.org](mailto:nancy@stjameskan.org).

Birthday List Announcement, please contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

Email Prayer Chain, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh at [corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)

E-Blast database to receive updates and news, please contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

Questions: Contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600. **Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm**

### Readings for Sunday, February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c