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Thank you for worshipping with us.  
New worship services are posted on Sunday morning to both  
our [Facebook](#) page, and website at [umcsj.org](#)

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

L: God says: Look! See my chosen servant,  
the One in whom I utterly delight;

**P: I have placed my Spirit on him,  
he will bring true justice to the nations.**

L: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up,  
and Spirit came down like a dove;  
and there was a voice from heaven saying:

**P: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."**

**Opening Song:** "Open Up the Heavens"      See song insert

### Opening Prayer:

**Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are,  
we too delight in your beloved Son.**

**As in his name we gather in the house of many praises,  
may the heavens be opened for us,  
that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love  
that transforms our common days  
with a beauty not of our making.**

**Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!**

### Passing of Peace

### Prayers and Concerns

*(You may make a prayer request by clicking on this link, [prayer request](#). If you wish to have your request mentioned in worship, please do before noon on Thursdays.)*

### Pastoral Prayer followed by The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Offering

(We give thanks for those giving electronically or mailing in offerings. You have the option of online giving to St. James by clicking on this underlined link, [online giving](#))

**Meditative Song:** "Water, River, Spirit, Grace"      See song insert

### Offering Prayer

**Scripture:** Mark 1:4-11

**Sermon:** "Tearing Apart the Heavens"

**Closing Song:** "Spirit of God"      See song insert

### Benediction

### Postlude

### A Word About Sunday Attendance...

*Worship attendance is a challenge in this time of COVID-19. You can help! If you watch via Facebook, simply giving a thumbs up, or making a comment allows me to count you as being in worship. If you watch only via the website, perhaps drop the office a quick email indicating that you watched the service. It does not matter when you are tuning in to watch. It is great feedback, that we are making a difference on your spiritual journey with God. Your help is very much appreciated.*

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Pastor Ben directly @ 920-252-9822*

### WEEKLY FINANCE NEWS\$ UPDATE

Weekly income budget = \$1,350      **12/31/20 giving = \$1,048**  
Month to date income budget = \$5,400      MTD giving = \$4,732  
Year to date income budget = \$70,200      YTD giving = \$62,526

Weekly income budget = \$1,130      **01/03/21 giving = \$505**  
Month to date income budget = \$1,130      MTD giving = \$505  
Year to date income budget = \$1,130      YTD giving = \$505

## 1. OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

**We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your Name,  
Calling out to You.  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire,  
will burn our hearts with truth.  
You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.**

Chorus

**Open up the heavens we want to see You.  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river.  
Flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise.**

**Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now,  
Lord unveil our eyes  
You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.**

Chorus

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**Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord**

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### There are now 5 ways to give to St. James:

1. When you attend an in-person worship service.

2. Mail in your gift or pledge to:

St. James UMC  
100 W. Capitol Drive  
Appleton, WI 54911

3. Donate on our website by clicking on: [umcsi.org](http://umcsi.org)

4. Give on your phone through the Give Plus+ App.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus+ Church" to download for FREE. You can also find St. James on the Give Plus+ App on your smartphone or tablet! Search by our zip code (54911) and we are the 2nd church listed!



5. Set up auto withdrawal giving with LuAnn Van Handel.

## 2. "WATER, RIVER, SPIRIT, GRACE" #2253

**Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me,  
in sculpting me.**

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## 3. "SPIRIT OF GOD" #2117

**Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,  
blow as you always do; create us anew.**

**Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,  
held in Your hands, borne on Your wings  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Repeat**

**Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,  
healing upon your wings for all living things.  
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,  
held in Your hands, borne on Your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Repeat**

**Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands  
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.  
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,  
held in Your hands, borne on Your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Repeat**

**Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,  
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.  
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,  
held in Your hands, borne on Your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Repeat**

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