



St. James' Episcopal Church
96 East Genesee Street
Skaneateles, New York 13152

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The Honorable Mary Sennett and Members of the Village Board
Skaneateles Village Hall
26 Fennell Street
Skaneateles, NY 13152

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Re: 2024 Sunday Lakeside Service Request

Dear Mayor Sennett and Members of the Village Board:

Thank you for granting St. James' Episcopal Church permission in 2023, to hold Sunday morning lakeside services in Thayer Park during the summer months. It was an enormous blessing – and relief – to be able to be together, to be in the beauty of the outdoors, and to have just a tiny bit of something that felt normal.

This summer, weather permitting, we hope to hold outdoor worship for 15 Sundays between June 16 and September 22. In the past attendance has ranged from a low of 48 to a high of 94, with the average attendance being 65.

We are optimistic that outdoor worship will again be a very safe way to gather and would like to ask permission to hold services weekly in Thayer Park on Sunday mornings at 10:45 AM – weather permitting – from June through September.

If it would be helpful to the Board in any way, we would be happy to attend a Village Board meeting. It is our desire to continue building good relationships with the surrounding community. Our church's mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone in Skaneateles and thus we will continue to be proactive in our ongoing consideration of our neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration regarding a possible 2024 Sunday Lakeside Service schedule. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell
315-685-7600

On behalf of Mr. Bill Spalding, (Senior Warden) 110 East Lake Road, Skaneateles
And Mr. Doug Smith (Junior Warden) 3766 Highland Ave., Skaneateles