

January 9 9:00AM Common Thread Worship

Please tell the lot attendant how you will be worshipping so they can direct you where best to park. Thanks!



Welcome

Song – Only a God Like You

For the praises of man I will never, ever stand;
For the kingdoms of this world I'll never give my heart away or shout my praise;
my allegiance and devotion, my heart's desire and all emotion
go to serve the man who died upon that tree.

Only a God like You could be worthy of my praise, and all my hope and faith.
To only a King of all kings do I bow my knee and sing, give my ev'rything.
Only a God like You could be worthy of my praise, and all my hope and faith.
To only a King of all kings do I bow my knee and sing, give my ev'rything.
To only my Maker, my Father, my Savior, Redeemer, Restorer, Rebuilder, Rewarder;
To only a God like You do I give my praise.

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To only a God like You do I give my praise.

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Song – Song of Hope

All things bright and beautiful You are. All things wise and wonderful You are.
In my darkest night, You brighten up the skies. A song will rise.
I will sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, come down."
Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down, yeah.

All things new, I can start again; Creator God, calling me Your friend.
Sing praise, my soul, to the Maker of the skies. A song will rise.
I will sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, come down."
Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

Oh, sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."

Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

Hallelujah, sing. Hallelujah, sing, sing. Oh, hallelujah, sing.

Women: *Sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."*

All: Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

Oh, sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, come down."

Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down, yeah.

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Commissioning 2022 Leaders

Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Time & 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.

Song – Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You, never let me go.

I lay it all down again, to hear You say that I'm Your friend.

You are my desire, no one else will do.

'Cause nothing else could take Your place to feel the warmth of Your embrace.

Help me find the way, to bring me back to You.

You're all I want. You're all I ever needed.

You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

You're all I want. You're all I ever needed.

You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

Help me know You are near.

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Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now, says the LORD—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel:

Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you.

I am the LORD your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.

I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.

Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life.

Don't fear, I am with you.

From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you.

I'll say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Don't detain them."

Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

Message – God With Us

Song – I Will Rise

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise, when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,

And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

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The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise, when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."

And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb."

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And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb."

I will rise, when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise. I will rise.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Forward to Share Our Offerings

Out to Live

What to know this week ...

St. James UMC is happy to announce the return of our sign-up for weekly altar flowers – now digitally! You may sign up on any 2022 date to provide live, fresh flowers on the sanctuary altar for the Sunday Sanctuary Worship service. Please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48a4aa2da2F85-2022 for more details and to sign up for your special date. If you need assistance signing up online, contact Martha in the church office (919-876-5796 or office@stjamesraleigh.org) during regular office hours.

Your input is needed! This week, the Administrative Council will meet. One of the agenda items is a review of our Sunday morning schedule. We have received some feedback about our current schedule, and would like more. Please respond to any member of the council or Kim's weekly email to share. Details of the proposed small change can be found in this week's churchwide emails.

Food pantry needs this week: hearty soups, cereal, pasta sauce (in cans or plastic jars). Thanks for your continued support!