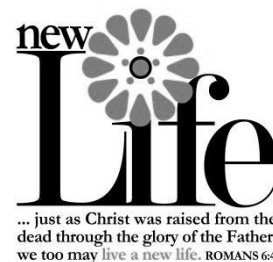


April 3, 2022

**9:15AM Common Thread Worship**

Please tell the lot attendant how you will be worshipping (inside, patio, parking lot) so they can direct you where best to park. Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers. Masks are no longer mandatory inside the building, but recommended. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!



**Greeting**

**Song – *Because of Your Love***

As we come into your presence,  
we remember ev'ry blessing that you've poured out so freely from above.  
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing,  
Lord, we've come to give you thanks for all you've done.

Because of your love we're forgiven. Because of your love our hearts are clean.  
We lift you up with songs of freedom. Forever we're changed because of your love.

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**Sharing Peace**

**Song – *Thank You, Lord***

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise, with an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;  
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

For all You've done in my life, You took the darkness and gave me Your light;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
You took my sin and my shame, You took my sickness and healed all my pain;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise, with an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;  
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

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## **Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer**

*(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Elias at 252-578-1090.)*

**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 – *Grace Flows Down***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

Amazing love, now flowing down from hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;  
as grace flows down and covers me.

It covers me, it covers me, it covers me, and covers me.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

Amazing love, now flowing down from hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;  
as grace flows down and covers me.

It covers me, it covers me, it covers me,  
and covers me, and covers me, and covers me.

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### **Scripture Lesson – Romans 6: 1-11**

So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### ***Lord of the Dance, verse 4***

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;

it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;

they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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### **Message – Lord of the Dance, Part 4**

#### **Song – *How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;

that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;

as wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;

ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.  
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## **Blessing & Sending Out**

### **Forward to Share Our Offerings**

### **On to Discipleship and to Share the Love of God**

#### ***What to know this week ...***

**Meetings this week:** Trustees meeting, 4:00PM today in Room 12; Open Help Workshop by Raleigh SeniorTechEd, 1:00PM Monday in Room 12; UMM, 7:00PM Monday in Carson Hall; “Organizing Your Genealogy Stuff”, 1:00PM Tuesday in Room 12; Midweek Lenten Communion, 6:30PM Wednesday in the north (playground) parking lot; Garden Cleaning, 9:00AM Saturday in the Community Garden; Produce packing, 9:00AM Saturday in Carson Hall

**Food Pantry needs this week:** 16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter, plastic containers of jelly, spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars, 16 oz. boxes of spaghetti

**Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday!** The Children's Council is excited to announce we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 10 for all children at St. James UMC! The hunt will take place during Discipleship Time (10:15) and will be on the playground here at church. Save the date now for this event!

Please register with Kris Johnson ([kris@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:kris@stjamesraleigh.org)) TODAY if your child will be attending so we can make sure to have plenty of eggs for them to hunt! Children will only need to bring a basket to collect eggs and their egg hunting skills! We hope to see you on next Sunday!

**Lent Prayer Calendar:** The St James-specific prayer calendar is on the website and updated weekly. Please remember each day to pray for the needs of our church, our community, and our world.

**Wednesday Worship, 6:30PM** We will worship in the North Parking lot and have communion at 6:30 each week of Lent. These 30-minute services will include music, prayer, scripture, message and communion. You are invited to remain in your cars, or to place lawn chairs on the patio! Check the website each week for any inclement weather updates.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Please consider helping at either of our two service opportunities on Saturday, April 9 at 9AM: meet in the Community Garden with Melanie Baiardo to help clean the garden for spring planting, or sign up to help Helen McGee pack produce in Carson Hall.

**Scholarship Deadline is April 10!** For those graduating seniors or college students who are interested in applying for the Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, please remember to have your applications in the church office by April 10. Applications are on the Library bulletin board.

#### **Holy Week Schedule:**

4/10: Palm Sunday – special presentation of I Am the Lord of the Dance at both 9:15 and 11:00 services; Easter egg hunt for children at 10:15AM

4/13: final Midweek Lenten Worship & Communion at 6:30PM in the north parking lot

4/14: Maundy Thursday worship, 7:00PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church

4/15: Good Friday Walk through Holy Week, 5:30-7:00PM around St. James

4/16: Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, 11:00AM-1:00PM in St. James courtyard

4/17: Easter Sunday worship & communion at 7:30AM in the north parking lot; Coffee & Donuts fellowship at 8:30AM on the patio; 10:00AM Sanctuary Worship with communion