

**May 1, 2022**

**9:15 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services**



For Common Thread service, 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. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!

**Prelude**

*Amazing Grace*

Meredith Walkowiak

**Welcome**

Bella Fasone

**Song – *Holy Is the Lord***

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now. How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory. The earth is filled with His glory.

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now. How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory. The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around. It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
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And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory.  
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**Skit: *Gesarene Demonic***

Yani Anwar, Evan Johnson, Blake Wilson, Devante McIver, Victor DeOliveira, Meredith Walkowiak, Carter Johnson

**Passing Peace**

**Song – *Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)***

All these pieces, broken and scattered, in mercy gathered, mended and whole;  
Empty-handed but not forsaken; I've been set free, I've been set free.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost but now I am found, was blind but now I see.  
Oh, I can see You now, Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes;  
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness, You set Your treasure in jars of clay.  
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel; the world to see, Your life in me.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost but now I am found was blind but now I see.

Oh, I can see You now, Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life

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

Emma Fasone

*(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.**

### **Scripture Lesson – Revelation 5: 11-14**

Yani Anwar

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

### **Scripture Lesson – Ecclesiastes 1: 5-11**

Evan Johnson

The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.

The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north;

round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.

All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;

to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow.

All things are wearisome; more than one can express;

the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.

What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done;

there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?

It has already been, in the ages before us.

The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

### **Message**

Bella Fasone, Ruthanne Baiardo

### **Song – Our God**

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind. There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise. There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Into the darkness, You shine; out of the ashes, we rise. There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
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And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? Then what could stand against?

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.  
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What could stand against? What could stand against?

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## **Benediction – Micah Song, UMYF Benediction**

### **Sharing Offerings, On to Discipleship, and Into the World!**

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

**Meetings this week:** Colossian Way, 4PM today in Room 12; UMYF, 4PM today in Montague Hall; Colossian Way, 6:30PM Wednesday in Room 12; New Hope Strummers, 6PM Thursday in Music Room; CT Band Practice, 7PM Thursday in Carson Hall; Produce Packing, 9AM Saturday in Carson Hall; Johnson Recital (private event), 3PM Saturday in Carson Hall

**Youth ASP Special Offering TODAY and May 8:** The Finance Committee has designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter special offering to support the high school youth mission trip to the Appalachian Service Project in June. We will receive this offering today and May 8; please note your check or envelope with Special Offering: Youth ASP.

**New Hope Strummers invites you to strum 6PM Thursday nights in the Music Room!** Our ukulele group was formed for anyone interested in learning to play the ukulele. We have members from 7 years old up, beginners and intermediate players, from St. James and the community. We're having two beginner/refresher sessions on May 5 and May 12 and welcome anyone to join us. Please contact Sheila DeBastiani (919-763-5782) for more information.

**Graduate Sunday is June 5:** If you would like to celebrate a 2022 graduation from high school, community college/tech school, college, or graduate program, please email information (grad's name, parents/church relation, school, degree achieved, next steps/future plans) to Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)) by May 23 so it can be shared in the June newsletter and on Graduate Sunday.

**It's Baseball Season!** Please join the Social Committee at Five County Stadium for our annual Carolina Mudcats game on Friday, May 27. First pitch is scheduled for 7:00PM and it is Fireworks Night!!! Tickets are \$11 each. Please register for tickets [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcgzz0mWE-6QQ/viewform). (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcgzz0mWE-6QQ/viewform>)

**The Yard Sale is coming on June 4!** Get your donations ready! Donation times are on the poster on the office and sanctuary doors. Please contact Kay Strickland(919-414-9630) or Sharon Johnson (919-624-9465) for more information or to volunteer.