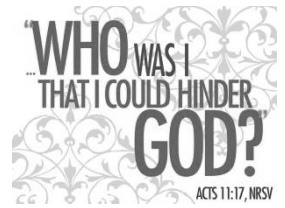


May 15, 2022

9:15 AM 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. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!



Welcome

Song – *Today Is the Day*

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind. I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more;
knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more;
knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day!

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Sharing Peace

Song – *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

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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 – I See the Lord

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted, and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted, and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord of lords.

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Scripture Lesson – Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."

Message – Who Am I to Stand in the Way?

Song – Desert Song

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry.
This is my pray'r in my hunger and need; my God is the God who provides.

And this is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain.
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold; so refine me, Lord through the flame.
I will bring praise, I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice, I will declare: "God is my victory and He is here!"

This is my pray'r in the battle, when triumph is still on its way.
I am a conqu'ror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand.
I will bring praise, I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice, I will declare: "God is my victory and He is here!"

All my life, in ev'ry season, You are still God; I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship.

I will bring praise, I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice, I will declare: "God is my victory and He is here!"
I will bring praise, I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice, I will declare: "God is my victory and He is here!"

This is my pray'r in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow.

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Blessing & Sending Out

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

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: UMYF, 4PM today in Montague Hall; Wake County Primary voting, all day Tuesday in Carson Hall; Coffee & Conversation, Wednesday at 11AM, location TBD; Colossian Way, Wednesday at 6:30PM in Room 12; New Hope Strummers, Thursday at 6PM in Music Room; Produce & Backpack Buddies Packing, Saturday at 9AM in Carson Hall

Food Pantry Needs: Please donate your clean plastic grocery bags (not used to bag meat or produce) for our new Backpack Buddies program! There is a bin labeled for these bags in the Welcome Center.

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) by **May 23** so it can be shared in the June newsletter and on Graduate Sunday.

The next Garden Workday is Saturday, May 28 at 9AM. Contact Melanie Baiardo with your questions!

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

New Facebook page: We have migrated to a new public Facebook page as a church! Please visit and friend us at [stjumcraleigh!](https://www.facebook.com/stjumcraleigh)