

St. JAMES
United Methodist Church



One God, One Church, Many Missions

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May 22, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship today!

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!

Prelude

We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.

Call to Worship

Leader: Love alone unites us, awakens and invites us.

People: Nothing else can root and ground us.

Leader: Habits of compliance, dictates and defiance,

People: Soon dispirit and confound us.

Leader: If by law we keep score,

People: Pride will soon divide us.

All: Love alone shall guide us!

Brian Wren, *Piece Together Praise* (Carol Stream, Ill: Hope Publishing, 1996), 61.

Invocation

God of all wisdom, open our hearts and minds to your name, to your mercy, so that we can finally acknowledge that all along you have loved us. May we be warmed and empowered by your love. But first, teach us to know you through listening to your words spoken and modeled by Jesus. He is always with us to teach and guide us. Upright One, may we know your name. Amen.

Carl Koch, *150 Opening and Closing Prayers* (Winona, Minn: St. Mary's Press, 1990), 65.

Sharing Peace

Hymn – *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

UMH 552

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.

Choir Anthem – *The Gift of Love*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed, by this we worship and are freed.
Amen, amen.

English folk melody O WALY WALY adapted and arranged as GIFT OF LOVE by Hal H. Hopson. ©1972 and
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Scripture Lesson – John 17: 20-26

“I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

“Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know that you sent me. I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”

Message – That We All May Be One

Hymn – *The Church’s One Foundation*

UMH 545

Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out into the World

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Pat & Phil Fasone in honor of their granddaughter, Bella Fasone, to celebrate her graduations from Wake Tech and Wake Early College of Health and Science.

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: Administrative Council, 4PM today in Carson Hall; UMYF, 4PM today in Montague Hall; Worship Team, 6pm today in Room 12; Children's Ministry Council, 6:30PM Monday in Carson Hall; Pre-K Celebration, 10:30AM Tuesday in Carson Hall; Mary Brown Circle, 10AM Wednesday in Montague Hall; New Hope Strummers, 5:45PM Thursday in the Music Room; Mudcats Game, 7PM Friday at Five County Stadium; Garden Workday, 9AM Saturday in the Community Garden

You Are Invited to a celebration luncheon to thank Pastor Kim for her years of ministry here at St. James. It will be held after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, June 5. Please RSVP to lbpayne2015@gmail.com to better help with our food planning. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Questions?? Contact Leslie Payne or Sandra Horton.

Monday Prayer Request: On Monday (tomorrow), May 23, we have signed up to be the faith community praying for the Raleigh Police Department. Each day this month, different area faith communities have prayed for those who serve and protect. Please spend time in prayer for the officers, for Chief Patterson and her staff, for the May 13 graduates of the police academy, and for the communities they serve.

Prayer Prompts:

For the Raleigh Police Department, leaders, officers, and families

For First Responders, including Fire, EMS, and others who address needs

For the recruiting efforts to attract quality new officers for the Raleigh Police Department

For the City of Raleigh, leaders, decision makers and influencers

For the City of Raleigh to become the safest city in the nation

For violence, gun violence, violent crime to stop, and for the problems that lead to it

For growth in transparency and trust between police and community

For courageous conversations between police and community

For wisdom, grace, humility, restoration of hurting souls, an increase of love of neighbor.

Graduate Info Deadline is Tomorrow!! 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)!