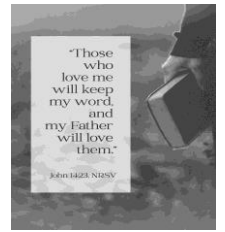


May 8, 2022

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

Life in Liturgy

Song – *Better Is One Day*

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty,
to find you in the place Your glory dwells.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the Living God. Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.

I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, thousands elsewhere.

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Sharing Peace

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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Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Aaron at 734-546-5720.)

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 – Rock of Ages

There is no rock, there is no god like our God, no other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved, He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.

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Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock. Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
There is no rock, there is no God like ours.

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Scripture Lesson – John 14: 18-23

"I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Judas (not Judas Iscariot) asked, "Lord, why are you about to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"
Jesus answered "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

Message – Festival of the Christian Home

Sandra Horton

Song – How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, our Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
How great, how great is our God!

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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; Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1:30 PM Monday in Room 12; Congregational Care meeting, 6PM Tuesday in the Library; Colossian Way, 6:30PM Wednesday in Room 12; New Hope Strummers, 6PM Thursday in Music Room; CT Band Practice, 7PM Thursday in Carson Hall

Youth ASP Special Offering TODAY: The Finance Committee has designated the 2nd quarter special offering to support the high school youth mission trip to the Appalachian Service Project in June. We will receive this offering today; 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. May 12 will be another beginner/refresher session, and we 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) by May 23 so it can be shared in the June newsletter and on Graduate Sunday.

Sign-up deadline is May 12!! 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/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcqzz0mwE-6QQ/viewform>) We must purchase 20 tickets by May 12 to get the group discount, so please commit now!

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.

