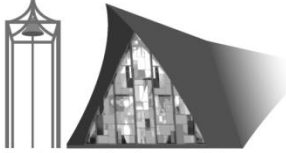


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A grayscale photograph of a hand holding a Bible. The background is a soft-focus, cloudy sky. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

“Those
who
love me
will keep
my word,
and
my Father
will love
them.”

John 14:23, NRSV

May 8, 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: 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

Sharing Peace

Hymn – *Happy the Home When God is There*

UMH 445

Congregational Prayer

God of unimaginable love, we have known of your caring since we were babies. In our family home and our church home, we have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus: "As I have loved you, so you should love one another" – not just those who think as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

John 15: 9-17. Adapted from Discipleship

Choir Anthem – *A Home of Grace*

O, thank you, Lord, for fam'ly, how precious your design.
That through the gift of parents we know your love divine.
They lead us and they teach us. They help us find our place.
And working all together, we build a home of grace.

O, thank you, Lord, for fam'ly, no two of them the same.
For all who care for children though never share their name.
O, teach us, Lord, compassion and help us grow our faith,
'til ev'ry home is cherished and built upon your grace.

O, thank you, Lord, for fam'ly. This is our earnest prayer
for mothers and for fathers, for the hearts of all who care.
And though sometimes imperfect and though we lose our way,
Today we pledge and promise to build a home of grace.
Build a home of grace.

Joseph M. Martin; *The Salley Gardens* Irish Melody, arr. by Joseph M. Martin. ©2016 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#1374588.

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.

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

Hymn – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

UMH 559

Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out to Rejoice in 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/refreshers 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/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcz0mwE-6QQ/viewform). (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLSzqoyOMjSTbEB3HWomx2NKcGfC4ORDKCFwcz0mwE-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.