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*Please let me inherit
a double share of
your spirit.*

2 Kings 2:9, NRSV

June 26, 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

“Air from Orchestral Suite in D Major”

J.S. Bach

Amber Hitchcock, violin and Jim Williams, clarinet

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

Invocation

O God, you pour out your spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with burning zeal and steady minds we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

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Sharing Peace

Hymn – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

Annual Conference Report

Sandra Horton

Prayer Time and Lord’s Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Kim at 919-624-1404.)

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 – Hope in Me

Have you not known me from the beginning? Have you not heard it since life began?
I am the everlasting Creator, heaven and earth sprang forth from my hand.
Hope in me and you will be strengthened; run ev’ry race and I will revive.
Walk without fainting, mount up as eagles; hope in me, for I am God.

Look at the sky and try to imagine who could have formed the stars and the sun.
All you can see, and more that is hidden, I chose their orbits, I named each one.

Hope in me and you will be strengthened; run ev'ry race and I will revive.
Walk without fainting, mount up as eagles; hope in me for I am God.

Although it seems your pathways are hidden, I will bring peace to the future you dread.
I made the earth, the seas and the heavens; I can give strength for what lies ahead.
Hope in me and you will be strengthened; run ev'ry race and I will revive.
Walk without fainting, mount up as eagles; hope in me, for I am God.
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Affirming Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

UMH 881

Hymn – O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430

Scripture Lesson – 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Now the Lord was going to take Elijah up to heaven in a windstorm, and Elijah and Elisha were leaving Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, because the Lord has sent me to the Jordan."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you live, I won't leave you." So both of them went on together. Fifty members from the group of prophets also went along, but they stood at a distance. Both Elijah and Elisha stood beside the Jordan River. Elijah then took his coat, rolled it up, and hit the water. Then the water was divided in two! Both of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "What do you want me to do for you before I'm taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Let me have twice your spirit."

Elijah said, "You've made a difficult request. If you can see me when I'm taken from you, then it will be yours. If you don't see me, it won't happen."

They were walking along, talking, when suddenly a fiery chariot and fiery horses appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went to heaven in a windstorm. Elisha was watching, and he cried out, "Oh, my father, my father! Israel's chariots and its riders!" When he could no longer see him, Elisha took hold of his clothes and ripped them in two. Then Elisha picked up the coat that had fallen from Elijah. He went back and stood beside the banks of the Jordan River. He took the coat that had fallen from Elijah and hit the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, Elijah's God?" And when he hit the water, it divided in two! Then Elisha crossed over.

Message – What Do We Need When We're Left Behind?

Sharing Holy Communion

Hymn – *Lift High the Cross*

UMH 159

Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kim Lamb,
with love and gratitude for her twelve years as our pastor at St. James.*

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1:30PM Monday in Room 12; Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM Monday in Carson Hall; New Hope Strummers, 6PM Thursday in Music Room; CT Band Practice, 7PM Thursday in Carson Hall

Please grab your nametag! In an effort to help Pastor Dan Baer learn our names, our Welcoming Committee has brought back the nametag displays. Please get in the habit of wearing your nametag for worship again. If you need a nametag, please mention so to a greeter, who will add your name to a list for the office.

New Pastor Email: Pastor Dan's new St. James email has been set up, and he welcomes any messages from the congregation. Feel free to welcome him at dan@stjamesraleigh.org.

You Are Invited to a luncheon welcoming Pastor Dan on his first Sunday in worship at St. James, July 10! The UMM will be serving lunch in Carson Hall following the 11AM Sanctuary Worship. The menu will be baked and fried chicken, string beans, mashed potatoes, hush puppies and barbecue bread, and ice cream for dessert. Please reserve your seats with Martha in the church office (office@stjamesraleigh.org or 919-876-5796) to better help with our planning.