

August 14, 2022

9:15 AM Common Thread Worship

The Lord is a God nearby, not far off, Jeremiah tells us.

Welcome, to each of you! God delights to draw near to you and rejoices when you come near to him.



Welcome

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 – *Forevermore*

Long before the earth, before there was light, Lord, you were.

Endless are You, God; no time can contain all You are.

There's no other God before You; there is no one to replace You. You are forevermore.

And there's no other God I call to; You are the one that I cling to. You are forevermore.

Faithful are You, God; You never change. Lord, You are.

Only You are God; forever You reign above it all.

There's no other God before You; there is no one to replace You. You are forevermore.

And there's no other God I call to; You are the one that I cling to. You are forevermore.

There's no other, no one greater; there is none like You.

There's no other, no one greater; there is none like You.

There's no other, no one greater; there is none like You.

There's no other God before You; there is no one to replace You. You are forevermore.
And there's no other God I call to; You are the one that I cling to. You are forevermore.
You are forevermore.

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Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please email them to prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org, where they will then be shared with our Prayer Chain.)

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 – 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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Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 5: 1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;

he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Message – Grapes Gone Wild

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *Glorious Day*

One day when heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men; my example is He.

The Word became flesh and the light shines among us, His glory revealed.

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

Hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day!

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer. One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose over death He had conquered; now is ascended, my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again!

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day! Glorious day!

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glories will shine.

Wonderful day my belov'd One bringing. My Savior, Jesus is mine.

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever; one day He's coming: O glorious day! O glorious day!

Glorious day! O glorious day.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

What to know this week ...

Calendar this week:

Today, 8/14 Transition meeting, 12:15PM in Carson Hall
Finance Committee meeting, 6PM by ZOOM
Monday-Friday Summer Camp, 9AM-1PM in education wing
Tues, 8/16 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Wed, 8/17 Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Bahama Breeze*
Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Carson Hall
Thurs, 8/18 Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

Transition Meeting reminder to staff & Administrative Council members: Please remember that the Transition Meeting is planned with Gray Southern for TODAY after Sanctuary Worship. We will eat a quick lunch of sub sandwiches, chips & cookies in Carson Hall at 12:15 as we begin the meeting.

Invitation from our interim Music Director: If you're interested in joining the choir or otherwise sharing your musical gifts in worship, Michael would love to hear from you! Contact him at 919-845-0303 or michael@michaeljglasgow.com.

College Bags Available: Thank you to everyone who donated items for the college bags! If you have an undergrad college student, the bags are available for pickup in the welcome center. Please sign your name when you pick up a bag: one per student, please!

***Coffee & Conversation** will meet Wednesday, August 17 at Bahama Breeze (3309 Wake Forest Road) at 11:30AM. Coffee & Conversation is a group of St. James widows who meet for support, fellowship and fun once a month. Contact Peggy Biggers (919-872-1800 or 919-632-1212-cell; biggers11@aol.com) if you plan to attend or have any questions. Please join us!

Blessing of the Backpacks/3rd Grade Bibles: Our Back-to-School Sunday is coming up on August 28. Children, youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, lunchboxes, or laptop cases to either service for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. In addition, we will be presenting third graders with their new Bibles. If you have a third grader in your family that would like to receive a Bible, please contact Martha Brown (919-876-5796; office@stjamesraleigh.org) with the child's name for the inscription by August 22. Thank you!