



## St. James United Methodist Church

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August 14, 2022

11:00 AM Sanctuary 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.

### **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 cry out –

**People: Restore us, O God!**

Leader: We petition –

**People: God, may your face shine upon us!**

Leader: We lift our voices –

**People: We turn toward you, O God, and call on your name!**

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Hymn – *For the Healing of the Nations***

UMH 428

### **Doxology**

UMH 95

### **Sharing Peace**

#### **Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(To share your joys and concerns, please email them to [prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto: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.**

#### **Choir Anthem – *The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He***

The Lord of Life, a vine is He and grafted to Him we must be;

and thus we yield abundantly sweet fruit for all to taste and see.

If we be joined to Him, we know His strength and pow'r will help us grow.

His Spirit's grace through us will flow to prune and shape us as we go.

The vine is He, the branches we, for now and to eternity.

His word sown deep in us will be both sun and rain: sufficiency.

The Lord of Life, the Source Divine calls us to come, with Him entwine.

Will we, unhearing, dare decline the call of Christ, the One True Vine?

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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 briers 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

### **Hymn – *This Is My Song***

*UMH 437*

### **Blessing & Sending Out**

### **Out to Serve in the World**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:biggers11@aol.com)) if you plan to attend or have any questions. Please join us!

**Blessing of the Backpacks/3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)) with the child's name for the inscription by August 22. Thank you!