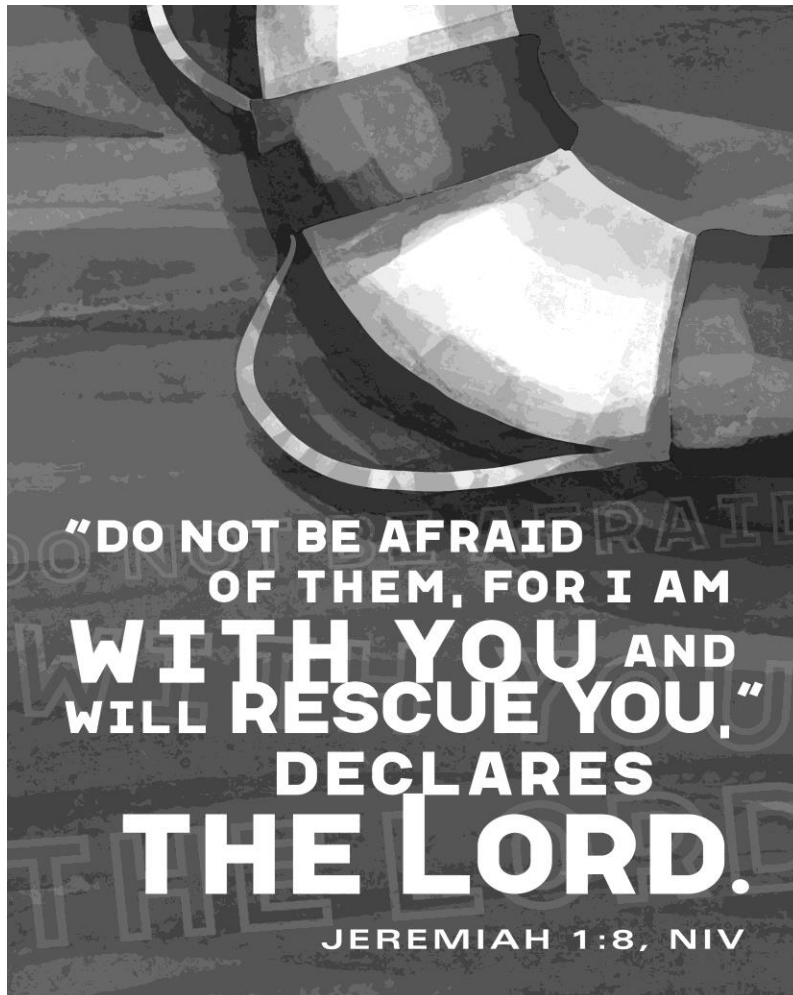




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August 21, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,” says God to each of us.
“Before you were born I set you apart” (Jeremiah 1:5, NIV).
Lord, help us know your holy purposes for us this day.

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: The Lord calls to us to go into the world –

People: We will go!

Leader: God commands us speak as God commands –

People: We will speak!

Leader: God assures us, “Do not be afraid” –

People: We trust that God will deliver us!

All: Amen.

Hymn – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing Peace

Prayer Time and 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.

Choir Anthem – *Borning Cry*

I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there to hear your cry, to see your life unfold.

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Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Message – God’s Presence

Hymn – *Here I Am Lord*

UMH 593

Blessing & Sending Out

Out to Serve in the World

What to know this week ...

Calendar this week:

Mon, 8/22	Staff Meeting, 10AM in Library Children's Ministry Council, 6:30PM in Carson Hall
Tues, 8/23	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Wed, 8/24	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Carson Hall
Thurs, 8/25	Beginning Ukeulele, grades 2-6, 5:45PM in Music Room Beginning Ukulele, grade 7-adult, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 8/27	Produce Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall

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!

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!