

**October 2, 2022**

**9:15 AM Common Thread Worship**

Welcome to worship this autumn morning. Take a moment to greet those near you as brothers and sisters in Christ.



## **Welcome**

### **Song – *The River Is Here***

Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here.  
The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.

The river of God is teeming with life and all who touch it can be revived.  
And those who linger on this river's shore will come thirsting for more of the Lord.  
The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.

Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run; we dance with laughter, giving praise to the Son.  
The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.  
We rejoice for the river is here. We rejoice for the river is here!

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## **Sharing Peace**

### **Song – *Mighty River***

My heart is thirsty and longing for more. My soul is hungry and wanting you, Lord.  
Let Your living waters come forth. Hear my cry and flow.  
My heart is thirsty and longing for more. My soul is hungry and wanting you, Lord.  
Let Your living waters come forth. Hear my cry and flow.  
Rise, mighty river, within me. Take me to a place where pure waters go.  
Rise, mighty river, within me. Out of my belly praises will flow.

My heart is thirsty and longing for more. My soul is hungry and wanting you, Lord.  
Let Your living waters come forth. Hear my cry and flow.  
Whoa. Lord, I need You, yeah. Hear my cry and pour.  
Rise, mighty river, within me. Take me to a place where pure waters go.  
Rise, mighty river, within me. Out of my belly praises will flow.

Rise! Waters rise! Won't you rise! Rise!  
I need You. I need You. We need You. We need You.  
Rise, mighty river, within me. Take me to a place where pure waters go.  
Rise, mighty river, within me. Out of my belly praises will flow.

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## **Prayer Time & 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.**

### **Song – Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.  
When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil!

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.  
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### **Scripture Lesson – 2 Timothy 1: 1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

### **Message – Rekindle the Gift**

### **Holy Communion**

### **Song – All the People Said Amen**

You are not alone, if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same – in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.  
And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa, and all the people said, "Amen."  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, "Amen."

If you're rich or poor; well, it don't matter. Weak or strong, love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the world He sent his Son to save us all.  
And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa, and all the people said, "Amen."  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, "Amen."

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart. Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start, for theirs is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God.  
And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa, and all the people said, "Amen."  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, "Amen."  
And all the people said, "Amen."

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### **Blessing & Sending Out**

#### **Sharing Offerings**

#### **Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve**

#### **Calendar this week:**

Sun, 10/2	Members Open Forum, 12PM in Carson Hall Board of Trustees, 4PM UMYF, 4PM in Montague Hall NA Meeting, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 10/3	Staff Meeting, 10AM in Library GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall UMM Meeting, 7PM in Carson Hall
Tues, 10/4	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Wed, 10/5	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 10/6	Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 10/8	Produce & Backpack Buddies Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall

### **What to know this week ...**

**Welcome to our visitors!** Thank you for worshiping with us at St. James; we're glad to have you here! If you would like to get updates on what's going on at St. James, just send your contact information, including email, to Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)) and she'll add you to our weekly email and monthly newsletter lists.

**BBQ Bags Still Available:** The annual BBQ on September 23 was a huge success, and we still have 20 quart bags of pork available in the kitchen freezer. Bags are \$12 each, and money can be dropped in the office doorsafe, designated BBQ.

**Project AGAPE Special Offering Today:** Our third special offering for 2022 will go to Project AGAPE, providing relief for displaced persons in war-torn Armenia. Please indicate Project AGAPE on your offering envelope, on the memo line of your check, or online on our new St. James giving portal! You can read more about Project AGAPE at <https://nccumc.org/outreach/project-agape/>.

**New Online Giving Available!** Beginning October 2, St. James will offer VANCO Payment Solutions to safely and securely manage your church giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to give anytime, from anywhere, conveniently and securely, to skip physical checks and prepared envelopes, to schedule and manage both one-time and recurring offerings yourself, and to view your complete online-giving history anytime you need to! To get started, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit the St. James Giving website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HQ> or scan this QR code to access the website from your phone.
- 2) Click on the fund you wish to contribute to. Project AGAPE offerings can be made to the Special Offering option, with "Project AGAPE" listed in the notes.
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

**Susan Curtin MealTrain:** Thanks to the many volunteers who have signed up to deliver meals to Susan Curtin. We have extended her MealTrain into October, and those dates are now available. Please consider signing up at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zozv0y>.

The Social Committee is happy to sponsor the **Trunk or Treat** event again this year! Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 23rd from 2:00-4:00PM**. We are asking any 'group' to sign up using <https://tinyurl.com/2022Trunk-or-Treat>. A 'group' can be an individual family, a group of families, a discipleship group, a committee, or anyone else willing to participate. Each group will decorate their trunk/parking space and provide their own pre-packaged treats (does not need to be candy) while the community circulates. Please contact Keith Walkowiak ([ktwalkowiak@gmail.com](mailto:ktwalkowiak@gmail.com)) with any questions.