

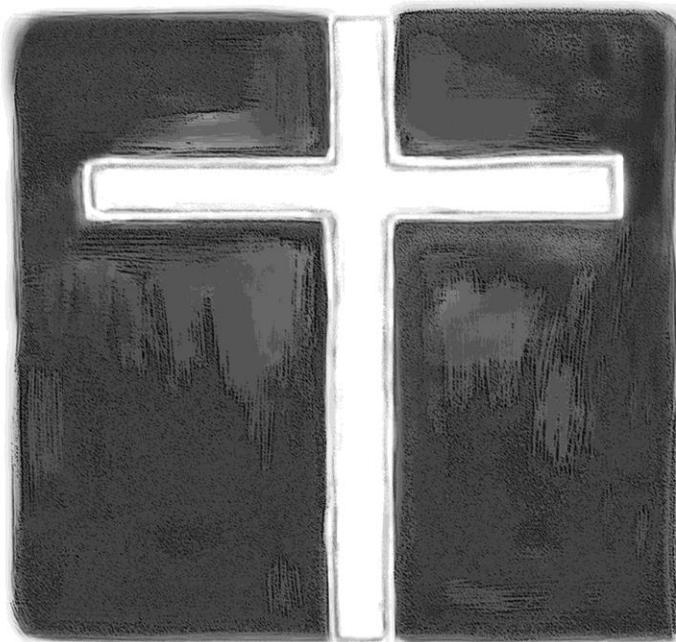


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*Christ Jesus came
into the world to
save sinners...*

1 Timothy 1:15, NRSV

September 11, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

In the northern hemisphere, summer is turning to fall. Creator of all good things,
we thank you for your steadfastness when things around us change.

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: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

People: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

ALL: Let us worship God together.

Hymn – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH 103

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 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it: mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love!
Here's my heart: oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Arr. Roland E. Martin, after J.S. Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G for Unaccompanied Cello*. © 2015 St. James Music Press. CCLI # 1374588

Scripture Lesson – 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Message – God's Gratitude

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

UMH 363, vv. 1, 3-5

Blessing & Sending Out

Out to Serve in the World

What to know this week ...

Calendar this week:

TODAY	Rigda family party, 2:30PM in Saints Hall Children's/Youth Kick-off & Supper, 4PM in Carson Hall* NA meeting, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 9/12	Staff Meeting, 10AM in Library
Tues, 9/13	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Congregational Care, 6PM in Room 12
Wed, 9/14	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 9/15	SeniorTechEd "MS Word Level 2", 1:30PM in Room 12 Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sun, 9/18	Common Thread worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Time for children and adults, 10:15AM Sanctuary Worship, 11AM in the sanctuary UMYF, 4PM in Montague Hall Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12 Nominations Committee, 6PM in Room 12

Children's Discipleship is back in session after the summer break! All children PreK-5th grade are invited to join us in Room 11 for Bible stories, crafts, and learning more about Jesus each Sunday following the Common Thread service, around 10:15. If you are interested in volunteering with our children's ministries, please contact Heather Johnson (heather@exit9b.com) for more information!

***Children's/Youth Kick-off is this afternoon at 4PM!** Join us for fun, fellowship, and a nice hot dog supper as we plan our new program year together!

BBQ hits in 12 days!! Keep telling your friends, neighbors and co-workers! Flyers are available in the lobby, sanctuary, and Carson Hall for you to hand out. Sharon Johnson is taking pre-orders at wjohnson99@mindspring.com. And we still need more volunteers to make our biggest fundraiser go smoothly! You may donate \$25 towards a pork shoulder (make checks to St. James UMC with "pork shoulder" on the memo line), or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/2022-BBQ-Volunteers> to help set up, serve, distribute, clean up, or provide brownies for the BBQ.

Susan Curtin MealTrain help needed: Susan recently fell at home and is having some pain, dizziness and weakness, so we are helping provide meals for her for the month of September. Please visit <https://mealtrain.com/trains/zozv0y> to see her food preferences, delivery instructions, dates available, and to sign up. Thank you!

Fall ASP Opportunity: We're inviting you to come spend a weekend in mission with Appalachian Service Project! Our planned dates are October 20-23, and we hope to take a team of 7-10. The cost is \$100 per person, plus gas and travel meals. All persons ages 18+ are invited to come for some great fellowship, hard work, and sharing the love of Christ. The experience is life-changing and renewing! Please contact Sherry Bennett (252-955-2387) or Barb Murphy (919-792-8211) by September 30 if you have questions or would like to join our team!