

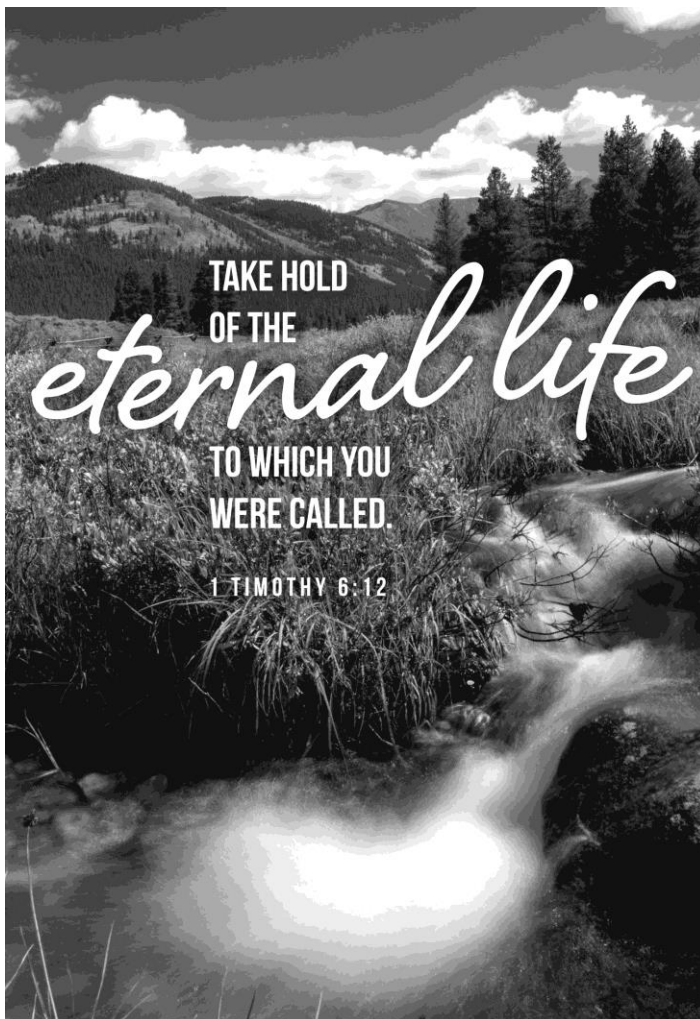


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September 25, 2022
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust”: I thank you for the assurance that whenever I call on you, you will answer (Psalm 91:2).

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: Gather in, all who live in God’s shadow.

People: We’ve come to worship the One in whom we trust.

Leader: No need to fear, for God is our dwelling place.

People: We rejoice in the ways we’re held close,

Leader: we are not left to face trouble alone.

All: So we share our confidence: God’s faithfulness stands for all time!

Hymn – Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

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 – How Can I Keep from Singing?

Balli Viracola, flute

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation;
I hear the real, though far-off, hymn that hails a new creation.
Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing;
It sounds an echo in my soul: how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing;
When friends rejoice, both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roars? I know the Savior liveth!
What though the darkness 'round me close? Songs in the night He giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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Scripture Lesson – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Message – Setting Our Hopes on God

Hymn – *Are Ye Able*

UMH 530

Blessing & Sending Out

Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Gayle & Gene Mathews
in memory of their daughter Anita Mathews.*

Calendar this week:

Sun, 9/25	UMYF, 4PM in Montague Hall NA Meeting, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 9/26	Staff Meeting, 10AM in Library Children's Ministry Council, 6:30PM in Carson Hall
Tues, 9/27	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Wed, 9/28	Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Carson Hall Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 9/29	Betty Trogdon funeral, 11AM in sanctuary & Carson Hall All New Hope Strummers, 6PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM 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) and she'll add you to our weekly email and monthly newsletter lists.

Special Offering Alert: Our third special offering for 2022 will be on **Sunday, October 2**. This special offering will go to Project AGAPE. 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>.

Fall ASP Opportunity Date Change: Our planned dates for our fall adult Appalachia Service Project trip are **October 13-16**. 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!

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) with any questions.