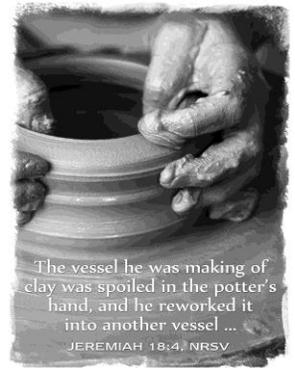


September 4, 2022

9:15 AM Common Thread Worship

Welcome! On this Labor Day weekend, we pray that all our daily labors may be an extension of this time of worship, done to the glory of God.



Welcome

Song – Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on. His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.
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Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.

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Sharing Peace

Song – Step By Step

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

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Prayer Time & 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.

Song – The Potter's Hand

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand;

crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;
teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart,
I know You're drawing me to Yourself; lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Take me, mold me, use me, fill me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.
I give my life to the Potter's hand. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Message – The Hands of the Potter

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Women: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Men: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

ALL:

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

What to know this week ...

This week's calendar:

Mon, 9/5	Office Closed for Labor Day
Tues, 9/6	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 10AM GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Wed, 9/7	Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
Thurs, 9/8	Beginning Uke (grades 2-6), 5:45PM in Music Room Beginning Uke (grade 7-adult), 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 9/10	Produce Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall

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!

It's almost time! The annual St. James BBQ is coming up on Friday, September 23, 11am-7pm! Start telling your friends, neighbors and co-workers now! We are repeating last year's successful drive-thru pickup only. Plates will be \$10 and include BBQ pork, boiled potatoes, slaw, hush puppies and brownie, or pick up pre-packaged quart bags of BBQ for \$12 per bag. Sharon Johnson is taking pre-orders at wjohnson99@mindspring.com. Volunteers are also needed 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.

Volunteer Opportunity: St. James Board of Trustees needs your help with one of its most important jobs: to ensure that the St. James facility is secure at the end of each day. This requires a daily building check by a church member. This security task includes checking that all exterior doors are locked and latched and that there are no systems malfunctions, such as plumbing leaks, inside the building. It takes approximately 30 minutes, and the Trustees provide a checklist and in-person training, if requested. A monthly sign-up is e-mailed from the Trustee Chair prior to the beginning of each month, and participants are encouraged to volunteer for as many days as their schedules permit. The Trustees appreciate any time you can give, even if it's only one day each month! Please contact Trustee Chair Linda Davenport (ldavenport5@nc.rr.com or 919-349-5813) to ask questions and/or join the team.

A note from the Social Committee: Due to the number of recent gatherings and meals and in an effort to not exhaust the volunteers and calendar in the coming weeks, the Social Committee will **not** hold the Church Picnic/Rivalry Tailgate this year. Let's focus our time and energy on Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 23. We hope to see the parking lot filled with creativity! A sign-up will be sent out as we approach the date.