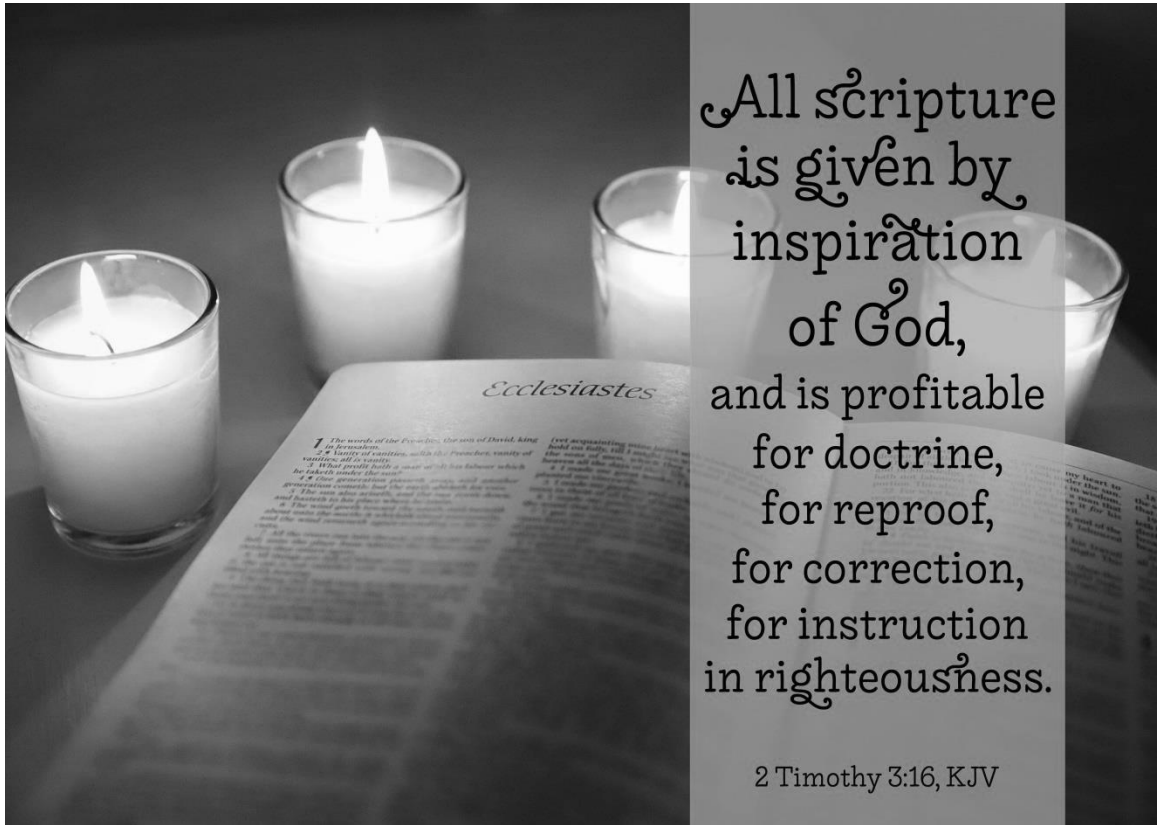




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October 16, 2022  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Lifted by the hand of Jesus, wrapped in divine love and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
let us worship together!

### **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: We gather here to worship, seeking a focus for our being.

**People: God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.**

Leader: We gather here to worship, though we feel drawn in too many directions, overwhelmed with too many tasks, chasing after something we can't quite name.

**People: God calls us to worship leaning into the Spirit of Truth.**

Leader: We gather here to worship, wondering and hoping, doubting and uncertain, frustrated and afraid. But we are here.

**ALL: God calls us to worship with our whole selves. We are here; let us worship with joy.**

**Hymn – *I Know Whom I Have Believed***

*UMH 714*

**Doxology**

*UMH 95*

**Sharing Peace**

**Prayer Time and 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.**

**First Reading – Psalm 121**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 539

**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

*UMH 881*

**Choir Anthem – *Down to the River to Pray***

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way

And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O sisters, let's go down; let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down: down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O brothers, let's go down; let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down: down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O fathers, let's go down; let's go down, come on down.  
O fathers, let's go down: down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O mothers, let's go down; come on down, don'tcha wanna go down?  
Come on, mothers, let's go down: down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
O sinners, let's go down; let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down: down to the river to pray...

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## **Second Reading – 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 201 (NT)

## **Message – Itchy Ears**

Pastor Dan Baer

## **Hymn – *Thy Word Is a Lamp***

UMH 601

## **Blessing & Sending Out**

## **Out to Serve in the World**

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Kay & Brian Self  
in honor of Clay Self's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**Calendar this week:**

- Sun, 10/16 UMYF, 4PM in Montague Hall —Welcome Bailey Martin, new Youth Director!  
Nominations Committee, 5:30PM in Room 12  
NA Meeting, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 10/17 Elijah Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel\*  
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
- Tues, 10/18 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library  
Staff Meeting, 10AM in Room 12  
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
- Wed, 10/19 Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Olive Garden, Capital Blvd.  
Choir rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary
- Thurs, 10/20 Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room  
Common Thread Band rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Sunday, 10/23 Trunk or Treat, 2-4PM in North (playground) Parking Lot\*  
Board of Trustees meeting, 4:30PM in Room 12

**Welcome to our visitors!** We would love to get you connected with our St. James communications! Please take a moment to fill out the white visitor card found in the pew and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher, greeter, or the pastor.

**\*New Bible Study begins October 17-18!** The 8-lesson Elijah: Living Securely in an Insecure World study will help us look beyond the insecurity of the world to our sovereign God who reigns forever. Pastor Dan will offer two options for participation: an in-person session will be held Monday mornings at 10:30AM in the Chapel beginning tomorrow, and a ZOOM session will be held Tuesday evenings at 7PM beginning October 18. Sessions will run approximately an hour. Please contact Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org) or 919-876-5796) with your preference of session to sign up for the study!

**New Online Giving Available!** Remember there are 4 ways to give online: visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HQ> from your desktop or laptop; download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store on your smartphone and search for St. James ; text the message "Funds" to 844-971-0232 and follow the onscreen prompts in the reply; or scan this QR code to be directed to the St. James Giving page.



**\*Remember to sign up for a space at the Trunk or Treat event Sunday, October 23, 2-4PM.** We are asking any 'group' to sign up using <https://tinyurl.com/2022Trunk-or-Treat>. Each group will decorate their trunk/parking space and provide their own pre-packaged treats while the community circulates. Please contact Keith Walkowiak ([ktwalkowiak@gmail.com](mailto:ktwalkowiak@gmail.com)) with any questions.