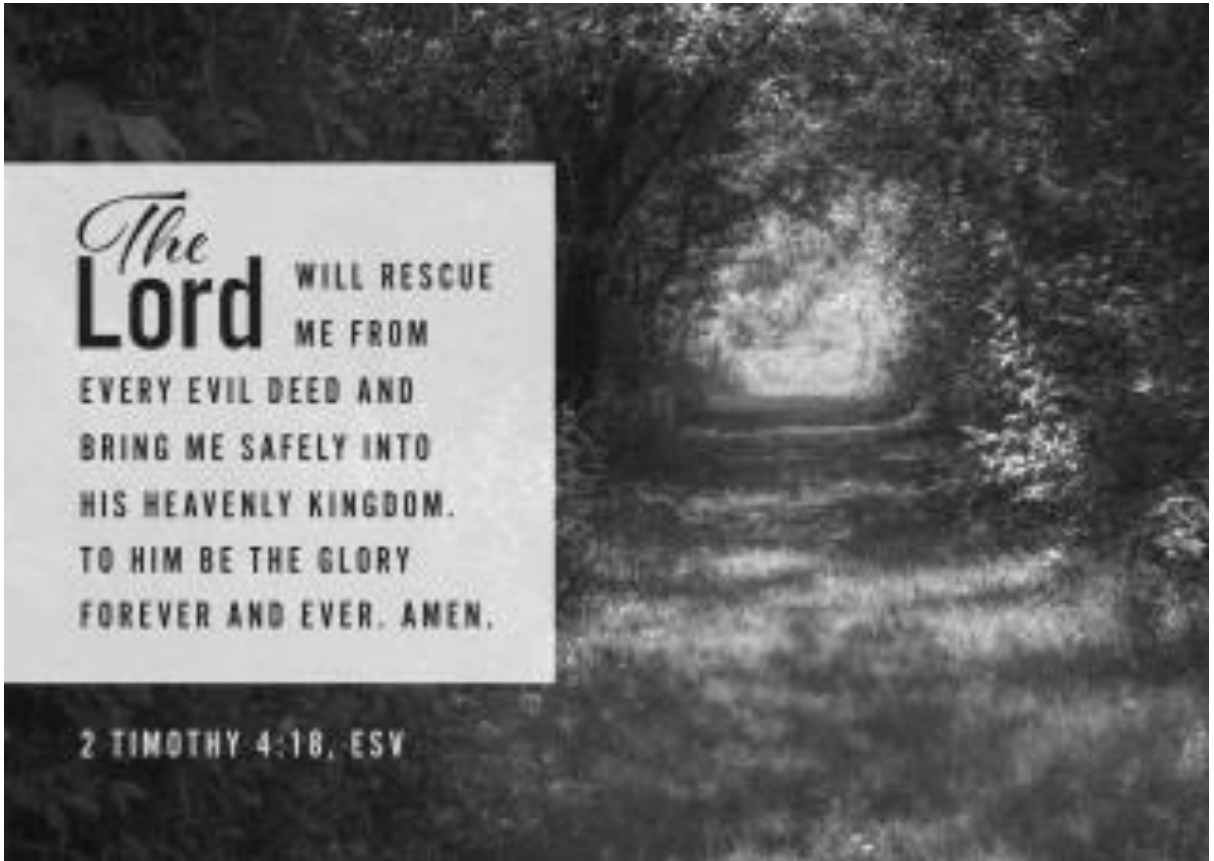




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October 23, 2022  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

We pray for the well-being of the places we live and this community where we minister,  
for in their welfare is ours as well (Jeremiah 29:7).

### **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 worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

**People: Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.**

Leader: We worship because the Lord gives strength.

**People: Even when we feel so weak.**

Leader: We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

**People: Even when we are afraid that we have lost.**

Leader: Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises  
to be with us to the end.

**ALL: We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.**

**Hymn – *Lead On, O King Eternal***

UMH 580

**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 – Luke 18: 9-14**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 76 (NT)

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

UMH 881

**Choir Anthem – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven: evermore God's praises sing!  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Praise the everlasting King!

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress.  
Praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide and quick to bless!  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Glorious now God's faithfulness!

Angels in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face.  
Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!* Praise with us the God of grace!

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**Second Reading – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 201 (NT)

**Message – Being Rescued**

Pastor Dan Baer

**Hymn – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

UMH 526

**Blessing & Sending Out**

**Out to Serve in the World**

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Pam & Mike Buckland in memory of our parents and Pam's sister.*

*The rosebud on the altar today celebrates the birth of Isabella Nicole Martinez on October 17. Parents are Brittany and Michael Martinez; great-grandmother is Sue King.*

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

### **Calendar this week:**

- TODAY, 10/23** *Trunk or Treat, 2-4PM, North Parking Lot\**  
*UMYF Parents' Meeting, 4:15PM\* -- UMYF following*  
*Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30PM*
- Mon, 10/24** *Elijah Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel*  
*GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
- Tues, 10/25** *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*  
*Staff Meeting, 10AM in Room 12*  
*GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
- Wed, 10/26** *Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Carson Hall*  
*Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 10/27** *Beginning Ukulele (grades 2-6), 5:45PM in Music Room*  
*Beginning Ukulele (grade 7-adult), 6:15PM in Music Room*  
*Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall*
- Sunday, 10/30** *Spaghetti Luncheon, 12PM in Carson Hall\**

*\*Come out and join the fun at **Trunk-or-Treat** TODAY, **2-4PM** in the North (playground) Parking Lot. Decorate your car or just come to hand out treats to the kids: we welcome everyone to enjoy some fun fellowship time!*

*\***UMYF Parents:** Please join new youth director Bailey Martin for a parents' meeting of all youth TODAY at 4:15PM, right after Trunk or Treat. We'll meet in Carson Hall to discuss plans and priorities for the rest of this school year! Following the parent meeting, UMYF will have pizza and work on our Pilgrimage banner for anyone who would like to help with that.*

*\***You Are Invited** to a **spaghetti luncheon** sponsored by the St. James Youth next Sunday, October 30! It will be held following Sanctuary Worship in Carson Hall. The lunch is free, but all donations will help our youth attend Pilgrimage in November. We hope to see you there!*

***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 Pastor Dan.*

***Give Online with Vanco:** Scan this QR code to set up your online giving profile!*

