

Songs We Love Sunday

November 20, 2022

9:15 AM Common Thread Worship

May our prayers to you, O God, begin from a place of thanksgiving,
recognizing your countless gifts to our lives.



Welcome

Song – Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes – and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to Him who hears me.
Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope, in which I sow, are harvested in heaven.
Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
with ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh, too brief to measure –
my King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.
Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

Oh, praise Him, oh, praise Him! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Oh, praise Him, oh, praise Him! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Oh, praise Him, oh, praise Him. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
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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.

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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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Sharing Peace

Children's Message

Song – Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.
When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil!

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.
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Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

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Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

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Song – How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, our Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
How great, how great is our God!

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Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, either use the prayer cards on the stand by the door and drop them in the prayer box or email them to prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org.)

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.

Youth Pilgrimage Testimony

Scripture Reading – Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Message – With Thanksgiving

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – 10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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Song – Voice of Truth

Oh, what I would do to have the kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I'm in, onto the crashing waves.

To step out of my comfort zone into the realm of the unknown where Jesus is, and he's holding out His hand.

But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me,
reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed.

The waves they keep on telling me time and time again, "Boy, you'll never win. You'll never win!"

But the voice of Truth tells me a diff'rent story; the voice of Truth says "Do not be afraid!"

And the voice of Truth says, "This is for My glory."

Out of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the voice of Truth.

Oh, what I would do to have the kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant,
with just a sling and a stone;

surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors shaking in their armor,
wishing they'd have had the strength to stand.

But the giant's calling out my name and he laughs at me,
reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed.

The giant keeps on telling me, time and time again, "Boy, you'll never win. You'll never win!"

But the voice of Truth tells me a diff'rent story; the voice of Truth says, "Do not be afraid!"

And the voice of Truth says, "This is for My glory."

Out of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the voice of Truth.

Men: But the stone was just the right size to put the giant on the ground.

And the waves they don't seem so high on top of them lookin' down.

All: I will soar with the wings of eagles when I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me.

The voice of Truth tells me a diff'rent story; the voice of Truth says, "Do not be afraid!"

And the voice of Truth says, "This is for My glory."

Out of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe,

I will choose to listen and believe the voice of Truth, voice of Truth.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 11/20 Advent Decorating, 3PM in Carson Hall & Sanctuary*
Kids Club/UMYF, 4PM in Carson Hall*
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 11/21 Elijah Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Tues, 11/22 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Piano Tuning, 9:30AM-12NOON in Sanctuary/Music Room
Staff Meeting, 10AM in Room 12

Wed, 11/23 Church Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thurs, 11/24 Church Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

Request from the Bread Ministry: Please do not open or take items out of the bags on the cart Sunday mornings without using a glove. We use gloves to protect the food inside from transferring germs/bacteria on the hands to items inside the bags. Thank you for your assistance in helping the children with this practice as well.

UMCOR Special Offering today: Please consider donating to UMCOR US Disaster Response to aid communities still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Ian. Remember to designate your offering on the memo line of your check, or if giving via Vanco, please designate via the special offering option.

***Come help us deck the halls!** The Altar Guild will begin decorating St. James for Advent and Christmas this afternoon at 3PM. Many hands make light work: please join us in getting ready for this special season!

***Kids Club/UMYF today:** We hope all kids in grades K-5 will join us this afternoon, 4-6pm for our November Kids Club. We'll have a story, games and crafts, and will join the youth for a "Friendsgiving" snack supper. Bring your favorite food to share!

* The church will be closed Wednesday-Friday to allow our staff to enjoy the holiday. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

Volunteers needed for the Living Nativity: The 2022 Living Nativity will be held Sunday, December 18, 4-6PM. This walk-through event has become very popular with the community, and we need lots of help to make it great! Sign-ups for cast and crew are open now: go to <http://tinyurl.com/2022LiveNativity> to sign up!

Nursery volunteers needed: We need volunteers weekly to help our paid nursery worker meet Safe Sanctuary guidelines. While the volunteer may not be needed at all on some weeks, we still need someone as an extra set of hands when needs arise. All volunteers need current background checks. If you are interested in volunteering to help in the nursery, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/NurseryVolunteers> or contact Heather Johnson (heather@exit9b.com or 919-815-0015).

Donations needed for our Military Ministry: Our Military Ministry requests donations of books of Forever stamps, blank notecards with envelopes, legal or medium/large package envelopes, and any individually packaged candy for us to send to our service members. These items can be placed in the marked bin by the welcome center. Thank you!

THANKS for GIVING food drive continues: Check our progress of stocking our food pantry with 2022 items during the month of November on the chart in the church lobby! Remember to check the orange flyers in the lobby for items and sizes needed for our distribution bags. If you don't enjoy grocery shopping or don't have time, please donate money to the church to purchase the needed supplies. Please mark your donations as "DESIGNATED FUND: FOOD PANTRY."

Last Day for T-Shirt Sales: If you are interested in buying a St. James t-shirt, scan this QR code for an order form. T-shirts are \$15 each. Payment can be made by cash or check to St. James UMC with "T-Shirt" designated on the payment, or by Venmo to Temple Walkowiak (@templewalk55). Anyone planning to volunteer at the PNC Arena will need one of these shirts!

