

# Common Thread

March 12, 2023 9:15AM

We gather at the well of worship, where Jesus, our Living Water, quenches our thirst for love, life, hope, peace. Welcome.



## Welcome

### Song – *Come As You Are*

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.  
Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.  
Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

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## Sharing Peace

### Children's Message

### Reception of New Member: Nolan Rigda

### Prayer Time & 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.**

### Lyrical Dance Presentation – *Jesus, Messiah*

Cheryl Walfall-Flagg

### Gospel Reading – John 4: 5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had

gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

## **Message – Quenching Your Thirst**

Pastor Dan Baer

### **Song – *Song of Hope***

All things bright and beautiful You are. All things wise and wonderful You are.  
In my darkest night, You brighten up the skies. A song will rise.

I will sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."  
Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down, yeah.

All things new, I can start again; Creator God, calling me Your friend.  
Sing praise, my soul, to the Maker of the skies. A song will rise.

I will sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."  
Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.  
Oh, sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."  
Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.  
Hallelujah, sing. Hallelujah, sing, sing. Oh, hallelujah, sing.

*Women:* Sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."  
*All:* Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.  
Oh, sing a song of hope; sing along, "God of heaven, come down, heaven come down."  
Just to know that You are near is enough. God of heaven, come down, heaven come down, yeah.

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## **Benediction**

## **Sharing Offerings**

## **Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve**

Today's Greeters: Keith & Temple Walkowiak  
Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs  
Today's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Ed & Kay Smallwood  
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.  
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are available at the entrance  
if your child would like one.*

*If you are visiting us today, welcome! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card,  
found next to the offering basket, and return it to the offering basket or one of the ushers/greeters.  
Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

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## What to know this week...

### Calendar this week:

TODAY, 3/12    *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
*Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3PM in Room 12*  
*Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12*  
*\*Kids Club/St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall*  
*N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall*

Mon, 3/13    *\*John Bible Study, 10:30AM in the Chapel*  
*\*Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12*  
*GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*

Tues, 3/14    *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*  
*Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office*

Wed. 3/15    *\*Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Soprano's Italian Grill*  
*Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Service, 6PM in White Chapel*  
*Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in the Sanctuary*

Thurs, 3/16    *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room*  
*Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall*

Sat, 3/18    *GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*

**\*Don't miss Kids Club/Youth today!** Both Kids Club and St. James Youth will combine to meet at 4PM for games, a Bible lesson, and painting new rocks to place around our Peace Pole. Our leaders today are Heather Johnson, Bailey Martin & Sara Lynn Miller; the United Methodist Men will provide our supper.

**\*Reminder:** The John Bible study, led by Pastor Dan, will begin on Monday, March 13 at 10:30AM in the Chapel. If you are interested, there is ONE book remaining: please come join us! Cost is \$6.50, and the class runs for 12 weeks.

**Do you need technology help?** Raleigh SeniorTechEd will be onsite on Monday, March 13 to answer your technology questions or help you with your gadgets. Cost is \$5; you will find them in Room 12 at 1PM. No question is too big or small; we'll track down answers for them all!

**\*Coffee & Conversation:** Reservations have been made for our widowed ladies to have lunch together on Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30AM at Soprano's Italian Grill, 1030 N. Rogers Lane, Suite 101, Raleigh 27610. Please contact Peggy Biggers (919-632-1212 or [biggers11@aol.com](mailto:biggers11@aol.com)) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there – we have a lot of fun and laughs!

**\*Lenten Mid-Week Worship:** We will gather in White Chapel for Wednesday night worship on March 15, 22 & 29. Each 30-minute service will include music, prayer, scripture, and a brief message, with the March 29 service including communion as well. Please join us for reflection and renewal as we move closer to Easter.

**The Fish Fry Is Coming!** The UMM invite you to bring all your family, co-workers, & friends to our Fish Fry on Friday, March 31! The men will be serving up plates of fried fish, cole slaw, boiled potatoes, and hush puppies for both dine-in and take-out from 11AM – 7PM. Plates are \$10 each; water and tea included for dine-in guests.