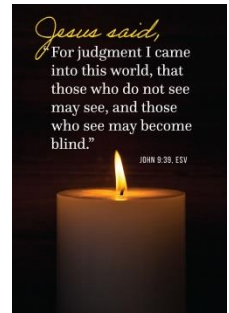




March 19, 2023 9:15AM



Welcome to worship!
May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today.

Welcome

Song – *Amazed*

You dance over me while I am unaware. You sing all around, but I never hear the sound.
Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You, how you love me.

You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind. My hope will always stand, for You hold me in Your hand.
Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You, how you love me.

Oh, Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You, how you love me.
How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me. How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me.

Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You, how you love me.
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Sharing Peace

Children's Message

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 – *Your Grace Is Enough*

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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Gospel Reading – John 9: 1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Song – Who Am I

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star would choose to light the way for my ever wand'ring heart?
Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done.
Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are.
I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow,
a wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind.
Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling,
and You've told me who I am: I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the rain, and calm the storm in me?

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

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

Next Week's Greeters: Chris & Lori Bradley
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

*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!*

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 3/19 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Youth Lunch Club, 12:15PM at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 6081 Capital Blvd., Raleigh
Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall
St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 3/20 John Bible Study, 10:30AM in White Chapel
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in Room 12
- Tues, 3/21 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Safe Sanctuaries Committee, 6:30PM in the Library
- Wed. 3/22 *Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Service, 6PM in White Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in the Sanctuary
- Thurs, 3/23 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Sat, 3/25 *Church Work Day & Breakfast, 8AM in Carson Hall & throughout campus
*Produce/Backpack Buddies Assembly, 9AM in Carson Hall
GS Troop 1929, 10AM in Montague Hall

***Lenten Mid-Week Worship:** We will gather in White Chapel for Wednesday night worship on March 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.

Church Work Day Saturday, March 25: We need volunteers to clean up the church and help get it ready for Easter. There will be indoor and outdoor projects available, and jobs for anyone willing to help! Our work day will begin at 8AM in Carson Hall, with a breakfast provided by UMM. We should finish around noon. Those assembling produce and Backpack Buddies bags are invited to come help us when you're finished! Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/WorkDayVolunteers>.

And speaking of assembling produce and Backpack Buddies... We can always use more volunteers to finish our packing quickly! Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/Produce-Packing> or come join us in Carson Hall at 9am on Saturday!

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. Delivery available for pre-orders of 5+ plates!

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