



## St. James United Methodist Church

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*Jesus said,*  
“For judgment I came  
into this world, that  
those who do not see  
may see, and those  
who see may become  
blind.”

JOHN 9:39, ESV



March 19, 2023  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Once you lived in darkness.

**People: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**People: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**ALL: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.**

**Hymn – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

*UMH 57*

**Doxology**

*UMH 95*

## **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

### **Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)*

**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.**

### **Choir Anthem – *I Surrender All***

All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give.

I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

I surrender all! I surrender all! All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee.

Fill me with Your love and power; let Your blessings fall on me.

I surrender all! I surrender all! All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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**Gospel Reading – John 9: 1-41**

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 96-97 (NT)

**Message – Seeing What God Sees**

Pastor Dan Baer

**Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Jane Fields in loving memory of her husband, Becton Fields.*

Today’s Greeters: Doug & Claudia LeBarron  
Today’s Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week’s Greeters: Bill & Barbara Oram  
Next Week’s Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

*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 in the pew holders, and return it to the offering plate 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, 3/19**    *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!