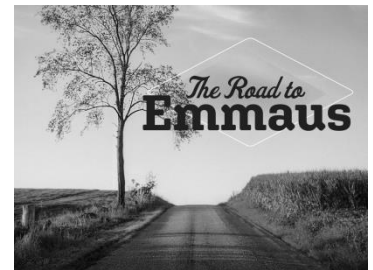




April 23, 2023 9:15AM



Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship.
May God bless and strengthen you here today.

Welcome

Song – *Meet with Me*

I'm here to meet with You, come and meet with me. I'm here to find You, reveal Yourself to me.
As I wait, You make me strong. As I long, draw me to Your arms.
As I stand and sing your praise, You come, You come, and You fill this place.
Won't You come, won't You come and fill this place?

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Sharing Peace

Children's Message

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(Prayer cards are available to share your joys and concerns and may be placed in the prayer box by the door, or you may 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 – *I See the Lord*

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted, and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted, and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;
and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord of lords.

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Gospel Reading – Luke 24: 13-35 (NIV)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces

downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Message – Recognizing Jesus

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *Forever Reign*

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.

You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.

You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.

You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.

You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.

You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.

You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms; the riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more, than my words will ever say.

"You are Lord, You are Lord!" all creation will proclaim.

You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.

You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go.

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms; the riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world, forever reign.

I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms; the riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world, forever reign.

My heart will sing no other name; Jesus, Jesus. My heart will sing no other name; Jesus, Jesus.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Tony & Sandra Horton
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Wilson
Next Week's Sound 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 on the worship table), and return it to the offering basket or one of the greeters.
Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 4/23 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 4/24 GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Children's Ministry Council, 6:30PM in the Library

Tues, 4/25 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall

Wed, 4/26 Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Room 12

Thurs, 4/27 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 4/29 Stone Ridge HOA Annual Meeting, 2:30PM in Carson Hall

Sun, 4/30 *Youth Sunday combined worship, 10AM in Carson Hall

***Youth Sunday is fast approaching!** The youth have been working hard to create an awesome worship experience. They are the future of the church and of St. James. We will join together to worship at one 10AM service in Carson Hall on April 30. We hope you will all come and support these young people as they lead us in making a joyful noise to God!



Scholarship Applications Available! It's time to apply for the Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, which is awarded each year to an active St. James member who is currently a high school senior or attending college. The award amount is \$500, payable to the college you choose to attend. Due to the absence of any seniors in our current youth group, college students – including those who have previously applied – are strongly encouraged to apply! Applications are available in the church office, and the application deadline is May 10. Please contact Trustee Chair Matoka Snuggs (matoka1004@att.net or 919-291-8888) with any questions.