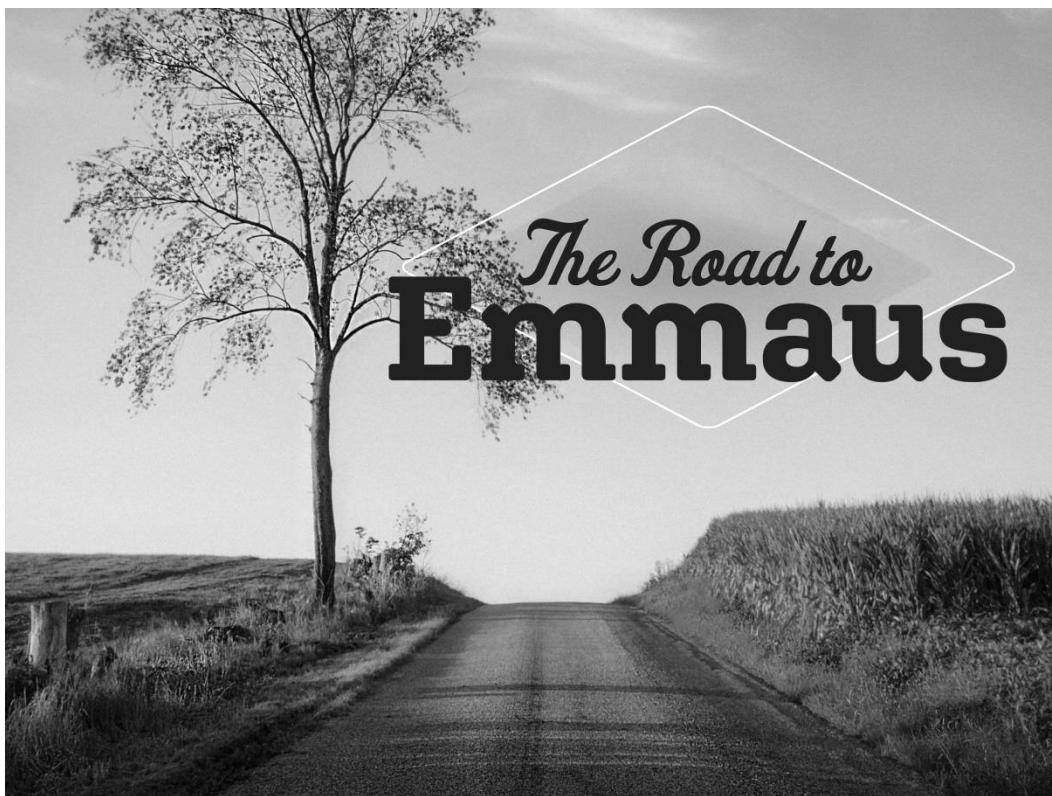




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**April 23, 2023**  
**11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship**

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

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

**People: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.**

Leader: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

**People: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.**

**ALL: Hallelujah!**

### **Hymn – *Christ Is Risen***

*UMH 307*

### **Doxology**

*UMH 94*

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews or email [prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org) 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.**

### **Scripture Reading – Acts 2: 14a, 36-41**

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 111-112 (NT)

### **The Apostles Creed**

*UMH 881*

### **Choir Anthem – *We Belong to Christ***

Jolene Miedema, organ solo

When we are living, we are in Christ Jesus; and when we're dying, we are in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to Christ the Lord.

The love of God fills all our days. And even after, we will sing His praise:

For in our living and in our dying, we belong to Christ the Lord.

For I am not my own; I’ve been bought with a price.  
The precious Lamb of God has given His life.  
To live is Christ; to die is gain. This is my hope, my life’s refrain.  
*Alleluia!* We belong to Christ the Lord.

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**Gospel Reading – Luke 24: 13-35** NRSV pew Bible, pp. 84-85 (NT)

**Message – Recognizing Jesus** Pastor Dan Baer

**Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*** UMH 327

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

Today’s Greeters: Anne Canady & Judy Lassiter  
Today’s Sound System Operator: Steve Snow  
  
Next Week’s Greeters: William & Sharon Johnson  
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 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, 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](mailto:matoka1004@att.net) or 919-291-8888) with any questions.*