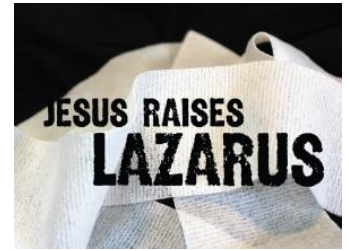




March 26, 2023 9:15AM

Where we tend to see hopelessness in the world, O God, give us vision to see what you are doing — and to join your life-giving work.



## Welcome

### Song – *Because of Your Love*

As we come into your presence,  
we remember ev'ry blessing that you've poured out so freely from above.  
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing,  
Lord, we've come to give you thanks for all you've done.

Because of your love we're forgiven. Because of your love our hearts are clean.  
We lift you up with songs of freedom. Forever we're changed because of your love.

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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](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.**

### Song – *I Will Rise*

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's dawning near when this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

And I hear the voices of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."

And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb."

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And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb."

I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise. I will rise.

Louie Giglio, Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher & Jesse Reeves

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### **Gospel Reading – John 11: 1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to

weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

## **Message – Being Set Free**

Pastor Dan Baer

### **Song – Firm Foundation**

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word, I put my hope in Your holy Word.

**Men:** I have a living hope

I have a future;

God has a plan for me

**Women (callback):** I have a living hope

I have a future;

God has a plan for me

**All:** of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure!

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word, I put my hope in Your holy Word.

**Men:** Your Word is faithful,

mighty with power;

God will deliver me

**Women:** Your Word is faithful,

mighty with power;

God will deliver me

**All:** of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure!

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word,

I put my hope in Your holy Word. I put my hope in Your holy Word.

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## **Benediction**

## **Sharing Offerings**

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

*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 ushers/greeters.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

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

Next Week's Greeters: Lou Gibbs-Anwar & Peggy Biggers  
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Keith Walkowiak

### **What to know this week...**

#### **Calendar this week:**

**TODAY, 3/26** Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary  
Easter Handbell Trio Rehearsal, 12:15PM in the Sanctuary  
St. James Youth, 4PM in Carson Hall  
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall

**Mon, 3/27** John Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12  
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall  
Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM in the Library

**Tues, 3/28** Library Committee, 9AM in the Library  
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office  
GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall

**Wed. 3/29** \*Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Service w/ Holy Communion, 6PM in White Chapel  
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in the Sanctuary

**Thurs, 3/30** New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room  
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

**Fri, 3/31** \*UMM Fish Fry, 11AM-7PM in Carson Hall

**Sat, 4/1** GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall  
Easter Handbell Trio Rehearsal, 12PM in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, 4/2** Palm Sunday Worship at 9:15AM & 11AM  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt, during Discipleship Time on the Playground

**\*Lenten Mid-Week Worship:** We will gather in White Chapel for Wednesday night worship on March 29. The 30-minute service will include music, prayer, scripture, a brief message and Holy Communion. Please join us for reflection and renewal as we draw closer to Easter.

**It's almost Fish Fry-day!!** 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! Call Martha in the office to place your preorders!

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