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A black and white photograph of a white cloth draped over a dark surface. The cloth is folded and draped in a way that creates deep shadows and highlights. Overlaid on the cloth is the text 'JESUS RAISES LAZARUS' in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The text is centered and occupies the middle portion of the image.

JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

March 26, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

People: May we be called to the light of righteousness.

Leader: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

People: May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.

Leader: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

ALL: Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.

Hymn – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

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 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet: sorrow and love flow, mingled, down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!
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Gospel Reading – John 11: 1-45 NRSV pew Bible, pp. 98-99 (NT)
Message – Being Set Free Pastor Dan Baer
Hymn – *In the Garden* UMH 314
Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

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

Next Week’s Greeters: Renee Aycock & Kathie Lambert
Next Week’s Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar
Next week’s Altar Flowers: Linda Davenport

*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, 3/26 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!