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May 14, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome to worship! Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives — thank God for you!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment: VBS

Lori Bradley

Call to Worship

Leader: Live in God's love!

People: Let that love be poured out for all God's people!

Leader: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

People: We are called to be God's witnesses.

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice.

**ALL: Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.
AMEN.**

Hymn – *To God Be the Glory*

UMH 98

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 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 – 1 Peter 3:13-22

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 220 (NT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *If You Love Me*

My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
and I will comfort you in times of trouble.

And if you love me, keep my commands.

Though I may leave you, I will return for you;
I'll go prepare a place beside me.
And if you love me, keep my commands.

Because I live, you too, shall live.
I bring you peace that the world cannot give.
My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
and I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, keep my commands.

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Gospel Reading – John 14:15-21

NRSV pew Bible, p. 103 (NT)

Message – If You Love

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by the Worship Team in honor and memory of all the special mothers and mother figures in our lives.
If you are a mother or would like to honor one here or elsewhere, pause as you leave worship to accept a flower from the greeters. Happy Mother's Day!*

Today's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones
Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs
Next Week's Greeters: M.A. & Brenda Robertson
Next Week's Sound Operator: Tim Johnson

*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!

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

*TODAY, 5/14 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
KIDS CLUB & YOUTH DURING DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY –
NOT THIS AFTERNOON
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

*Mon, 5/15 John Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in Room 12*

*Tues, 5/16 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*

*Wed, 5/17 *Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary*

*Thurs, 5/18 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall*

*Sat, 5/20 *Produce Packing, 8:30AM in Carson Hall
GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*

*Sun, 5/21 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
*St. James Youth Lunch Club & Parents Meeting, 12:15PM in Carson Hall
Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

(Please read announcements on insert.)