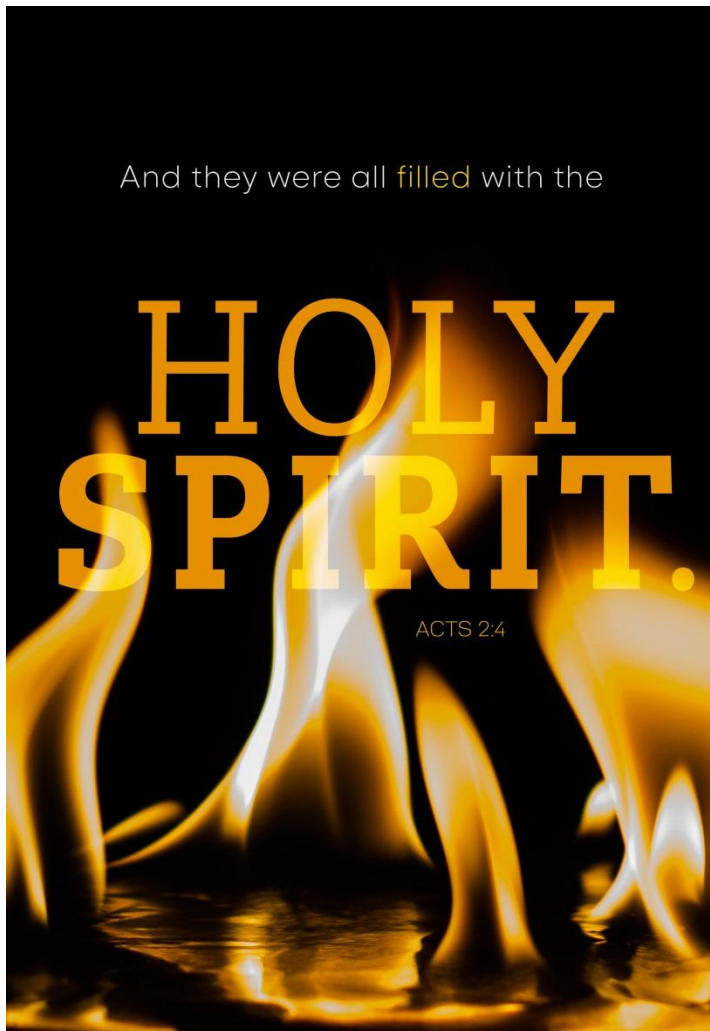




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May 28, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God.
Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

People: We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Leader: Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

People: we receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.

Leader: As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

ALL: we receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ.

**Hymns – *Spirit of the Living God*
*Sweet, Sweet Spirit***

UMH 393

UMH 334

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.

Gospel Reading – John 7: 37-39

NRSV pew Bible, p. 94 (NT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Liturgical Dance – *Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;

O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again;

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.

Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard;
come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind can know what God has in store;
So open up Heaven, open it wide, over Your church and over our lives.

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again;
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.

Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard;
come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

Rain down, rain down. Rain down, rain down.

Music: Russell Fragar, performed by Alvin Slaughter © 1997 Russell Fragar/Hillsongs Publishing;
Original Choreography by Sheila Beckford & Tisha Branch, NYAC

Scripture Reading – Acts 2: 1-21

NRSV pew Bible, p. 111 (NT)

Message – Come, Holy Spirit

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

UMH 333

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Sandra & Tony Horton
in memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that we may live free.*

Today's Greeters: Mary Ellen Mauney & Anita Robinson-Christmas
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: Ed & Ellen Giunco
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!

Calendar this week:

*TODAY, 5/28 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

*Mon, 5/29 ***OFFICE CLOSED for MEMORIAL DAY**
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*

*Tues, 5/30 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office*

Wed, 5/31 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary

*Thurs, 6/1 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall*

*Friday, 6/2 ***Youth Service Ball & Second Chance Prom, 6PM in Carson Hall***

Sat, 6/3 GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall

*Sun, 6/4 GRADUATE SUNDAY
Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*