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**NOW TO YOU WHO BELIEVE,
THIS STONE IS PRECIOUS.**

**But to those who
do not believe,
“The stone the
builders rejected
has become the
cornerstone.”**

1 PETER 2:7, NIV

**May 7, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship**

You are a royal priesthood, God's own people. Welcome to worship, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called us into his marvelous light. (Based on 1 Peter 2:9.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out.

People: Who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to His unfailing love.

Leader: You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

ALL: Let's worship God together! Amen.

Hymn – *The Church's One Foundation*

UMH 545

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 – Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 478-479 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

(Refrain): Hallelujah, hallelujah! Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. *(Refrain)*

Souls have crossed before me saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. (*Refrain*)

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Gospel Reading – 1 Peter 2: 1-10

NRSV pew Bible, p. 219 (NT)

Message – Like Living Stones

Pastor Dan Baer

Holy Communion

Hymn – *My Hope Is Built*

UMH 368

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by John & Linda Odom
in memory of their mothers, Mary Odom and Bennie Terbeville.*

Today's Greeters: Phil & Pat Fasone
Today's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones
Next Week's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs

*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, 5/7 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
Board of Trustees, 4PM in Room 12
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

*Mon, 5/8 John Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*

*Tues, 5/9 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall*

Wed, 5/10 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Sanctuary

*Thurs, 5/11 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall*

Sat, 5/13 GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall

Kids Club & Youth will meet separately during each group's Discipleship Time next Sunday so we can allow families to spend more of Mother's Day together! Each group will choose an activity to commemorate the special day. Our final Kids Club will be hosted by the youth on Sunday, June 11.

Mudcats Time! Please join St. James' Social Committee at Five County Stadium in Zebulon, NC on Friday, May 26 at 7PM to cheer on the Carolina Mudcats against the Down East Wood Ducks. It is Friday Fireworks Night as well as Friday Night Blackout (wear black). Tickets are \$12 per person; parking is \$5 cash per car upon arrival. Please register for your tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/MudcatsTix>. **Deadline is May 12.** Contact Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com) with any questions. Go Mudcats!

Scholarship Deadline is Wednesday, May 10! The Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, worth \$500, is open to any active St. James members furthering their education at technical, 2-year, or 4-year colleges. **This year, due to an absence of high school seniors, college students - including those who have previously applied - are strongly encouraged to apply!** Applications are available [here](#), on the church website Members page or in the church office. Please have your applications returned to the church office by May 10. Please contact Trustee Chair Matoka Snuggs (matoka1004@att.net or 919-291-8888) with any questions.