



July 2, 2023 9:15AM

As our nation prepares to celebrate its independence, we praise God for the freedom to gather for worship. Welcome to all.



Song – Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Message

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(Prayer cards are available to share your joys and concerns and may be placed in the prayer box by the door, or you may email them to 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 – Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

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We will go forth in grace alone.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 10: 40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Message – The Gift of Hospitality

Pastor Dan Baer

Holy Communion

Song – *If We Are the Body*

It’s crowded in worship today, as she slips in trying to fade into the faces.
The girls’ teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know, farther than they know.

But if we are the body, why aren’t His arms reaching?
Why aren’t His hands holding? Why aren’t His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren’t His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way?
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Why aren’t His hands holding? Why aren’t His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren’t His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way?

A trav’ler is far away from home. He sheds his coat and quietly sinks in the back row.
The weight of their judgemental glances tell him that his chances are better out on the road.

But if we are the body, why aren’t His arms reaching?
Why aren’t His hands holding? Why aren’t His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren’t His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way?
But if we are the body, why aren’t His arms reaching?
Why aren’t His hands holding? Why aren’t His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren’t His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way?

Jesus paid much too high a price for us to pick and choose who should come, and we are the body of Christ.

If we are the body, why aren’t His arms reaching?
Why aren’t His hands healing? Why aren’t His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren’t His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way.
If we are the body, why aren’t His arms reaching?

Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way.
Jesus is the way.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Ed & Kay Smallwood
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Keith Walkowiak

Next Week's Greeters: Tom, Stephanie & Blake Wilson
Next Week's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs
Next Week's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

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

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 7/2** 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
- Tues, 7/4** **OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**
- Wed, 7/5** Youth Crash Day: Mini Movie Marathon, 1PM in Montague Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
- Thurs, 6/29** New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Sat, 7/8** Produce Packing, 8:30AM in Carson Hall

Children's/Youth Discipleship: Parents, please note that there will be no children's or youth discipleship during the month of July due to a lack of available teachers. We'll pick back up in August. Please contact Heather Johnson (heather@exit9b.com) or Bailey Martin (youth@stjamesraleigh.org) if you would like to volunteer with either the children's or youth ministries. Thank you!

Holiday Closing: The office and Food Pantry will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. We will resume our regular office hours on Wednesday.

Project Agape is back! We'll be packing boxes again for children in war-torn Armenia from July 9-August 13. Keep an eye on those back-to-school sales! More info to follow next week. Thanks to Ed & Kay Smallwood for heading up this wonderful mission for us again!

Looking ahead: Please note these upcoming events on the church calendar:

- July 16-22: Youth ASP Trip
- July 30: 5th Sunday Worship Under the Trees, 10AM in south parking lot
- July 30: Youth Wet-n-Wild Trip to Greensboro, NC
- August 19: Church Picnic, 1-4PM in South Parking Lot
- August 26: Stan Whitt Golf Classic, 1PM at Zebulon Country Club
AND Youth Beach Trip to Carolina Beach
- September 29: Annual BBQ Fundraiser, 11AM-7PM in Carson Hall