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June 18, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Loving God, today we pray for all fathers and father-figures enjoying this wonderful Father's Day! May everyone know you as the good and gracious Father of us all.

Prelude

Sheila DeBastiani, guitar

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, you who are called as disciples of Christ! Is anything too wonderful for our God?

People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who saves us and calls us!

Leader: As we worship, may we receive the promise, the compassion, and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in God's work of making disciples for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world.

ALL: Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen.

Hymns – *There's Within My Heart a Melody*

UMH 380

Doxology

UMH 95

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 – Romans 5: 1-8

NRSV pew Bible, p. 145 (NT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence, seeking work and melody;

There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;
unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown, yet unknown, yet unknown,
which God alone can see.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 9 (NT)

Message – Laboring Together

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

UMH 382

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

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

Today's Greeters: Chip & Jeanette Gray
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: R.E. & Beth Cobb
Next Week's Sound Operator: Steve Snow

*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, 6/18

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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

Mon, 6/19

GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Tues, 6/20

Library Committee, 9AM in the Library

Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Safe Sanctuaries Committee, 6:30PM in the Library

Wed, 6/21

*Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Chili's Bar & Grill, Knightdale

Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room & Sanctuary

Thurs, 6/22

Youth Service Day (VBS prep), 9AM in Carson Hall

New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room

Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Friday, 6/23

***Pets Unleashed VBS, 5:30-8:30PM throughout campus**

Sat, 6/24

Produce Assembly, 9AM in Carson Hall

***Pets Unleashed VBS, 10AM-3PM throughout campus**

GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall



***Coffee & Conversation** will be meeting for lunch at 11:30am on Wednesday, June 21 at Chili's Grill & Bar, 6605 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale 27545. All widowed women of St. James are invited to come join us for a good time!



Participants & Volunteers are needed "fur" our Pets Unleashed VBS!

St. James will celebrate the return of VBS with a TWO-DAY event:

Friday, June 23rd 5:15pm-8:30pm & Saturday, June 24th 10am-3pm

Register PreK-rising 6th graders NOW at

<https://tinyurl.com/SJvbs2023>

Join us as a volunteer and watch kids experience the joy & love of Jesus!

Sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby, on the "Join Us" bulletin board in the main hallway, or email Lori Bradley (lfb Bradley12@gmail.com) or Sara Lynn Miller

(saralynn@stjamesraleigh.org). We need crew leaders and assistants, and help with registration, drama/Bible time, music, games, crafts, decorating, safety and first aid.

Special Offering Alert: Our second quarter special offering will be on Sunday, June 25, and will benefit Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Please indicate "ASP" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check to donate on June 25.