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July 16, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Open our hearts and all our senses to receive your Word today, dear Lord.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: How wondrous! A new heaven and a new earth!

People: The old, bruised and angered, fearful and alienated, will pass away.

Leader: In its place God will offer new hope and peace.

People: God will dwell with God's people forevermore.

Leader: Worship the Lord who is about to do a new thing.

ALL: Praise God who establishes God's reign in the heart of God's people. AMEN.

Hymn – Spirit Song

UMH 347

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 – Revelation 21: 1-4

NRSV pew Bible, p. 244 (NT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee.

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
through the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty. God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
Holy, holy, holy!

Reginald Heber, John B. Dykes; arr. by Jay Althouse. ©1990 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 4

NRSV pew Bible, p. 4 (NT)

Message – The Beatitudes: The Gifts in Our Grieving

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *Marching to Zion*

UMH 733

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: Peggy Biggers & Winnie Webb

Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: Renee Aycock & Kathie Lambert

Next Week's Sound Operator: Steve Snow

Next week's Altar Flowers: Diane Lipscomb

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.

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:

***** Youth ASP Trip to Cabell, WV all week *****

TODAY, 7/16 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*

Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus

Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary

Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall

NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 7/17 *Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in Room 12*

Tues, 7/18 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*

Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed, 7/19	*Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Anet's Katch, 2900 Village Park Dr., Knightdale Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
Thurs, 7/20	New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 7/22	Produce Assembly, 8:30AM in Carson Hall

Please remember to **keep our ASP youth and their chaperones in your prayers** this week as they travel in mission to Cabell, WV!

The **Coffee & Conversation lunch** for our widows group will be 11:30 am this Wednesday at Anet's Katch, 2009 Village Park Drive, Knightdale, NC. It is located behind the KFC on Knightdale Blvd: turn right off Knightdale Blvd. onto Parkside Commons at Just Tires, drive 1 block and turn left onto Village Park Drive. Anet's Katch will be on your left past Knightdale Medical. Please contact Peggy Biggers (919-632-1212 or biggers11@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

Project Agape is back! We are packing boxes again for children in war-torn Armenia from July 9-August 13. Supplies and shopping lists for boys & girls is available on the display table in the lobby. If you prefer to shop for items to donate rather than pack an entire box, please place your donations in the marked bin. Remember to enclose \$5 in cash or check (payable to St. James) in each box to cover the shipping cost; we will send one check from the church with the boxes. If you have any questions, contact Ed or Kay Smallwood at edandkay.smallwood@gmail.com.

We need you! Please join us Saturday, July 29 at 8am for a church clean-up. Primary focus will be cleaning the kitchen area and weeding the flower beds around the church. Coffee & donuts will be provided; bring your own gloves and water. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SJWorkday>. Hope to see you there!

5th Sunday Combined Service in 2 weeks! On Sunday, July 30, we will have ONE worship service at 10AM in the Carson Hall parking lot. The Common Thread band will lead the music. Bring your own chair, or grab one of ours! We will have seating in Carson Hall ready in case of inclement weather. Plan to park in the sanctuary or overflow lot and walk over so we will have plenty of available space for worshipping outside together!

Backpack Buddies: Thank you to those who have volunteered for our fall Backpack Buddies team! All slots are currently filled through December on our SignUp, which is fantastic! However, we may still need help packing bags each month; keep an eye on the weekly emails & bulletins to see when your help is needed!

The 14th Stan Whitt Golf Classic, benefitting pancreatic cancer research, will be held at Zebulon Country Club on Saturday, August 26. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 and lunch to follow. This event is for everyone regardless of skill level and is always a great time of fellowship and fun. Registration forms are available [here](#), in the church lobby or through the weekly email. Contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419) with any questions.