



July 23, 2023 9:15AM



“[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39, NIV). What better reason to worship together?
Welcome!

Song – Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy, holy holy.

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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

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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 – Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring, ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming: Indescribable! Un-containable!

You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name; You are amazing, God!
All powerful! Un-tameable!

Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim: You are amazing, God!

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go; or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light, yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom: Indescribable! Un-containable!

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All powerful! Un-tameable!

Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim: You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!

Indescribable! Un-containable! You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name;
You are amazing, God!
Incomp'able! Un-changeable! You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same;
You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 5

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

Message – The Beatitudes: Power under God’s Control

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – Lifesong

Empty hands held high, such small sacrifice. If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight.
May the words I say and the things I do make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to You.
Let my lifesong sing to You. Let my lifesong sing to You.
I wanna sign Your name to the end of this day, knowin’ that my heart was true.
Let my lifesong sing to You.

Lord, I give my life, a living sacrifice, to reach a world in need, to be Your hands and feet.
May the words I say and the things I do make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to You.
Let my lifesong sing to You. Let my lifesong sing to You.
I wanna sign Your name to the end of this day, knowin’ that my heart was true.
Let my lifesong sing to You.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let my lifesong sing to You.
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Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let my lifesong sing to You.

Let my lifesong sing to You. Let my lifesong sing to You.
I wanna sign Your name to the end of this day, knowin’ that my heart was true.
Let my lifesong sing to You. Let my lifesong sing to You.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today’s Greeters: Paulo, Leticia, Victor & Sofia DeOliveira
Today’s Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week: ONE combined service at 10AM in Carson Hall parking lot!
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*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, 7/23 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus (children's & youth classes on are break
for the month of July)
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 7/24 Duke Field Ed Reflection Group, 1PM in Room 12
Children's Ministry Council, 6:30PM in the Library
- Tues, 7/25 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall
- Wed, 7/26 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
- Thurs, 7/27 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Sat, 7/29 Tuboku-Metzger funeral, 9AM in Carson Hall/Sanctuary (private)
Peggy Bingham's funeral, 2PM in Sanctuary, reception in Carson Hall following

5th Sunday Combined Service in 1 week! 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!

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 are 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.

DATE CHANGE: We need you! Please join us **Saturday, August 5 at 8am** for a **church clean-up**. Primary focuses 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!

Please join us for the **Church Picnic on Saturday, August 19, 1-4PM**. This year is a Hawaiian Luau beach theme: wear your ugliest Hawaiian shirt & a grass skirt! Children's Ministries will bring the fun with plenty of water games and activities for children of all ages to cool everyone off. The Social Committee will provide hamburgers & hot dogs with all the fixin's; the UMM will provide their famous ice cream as a cool dessert! We ask you to bring a side to share. We'll set up some tables & chairs in the Carson Hall parking lot, or bring your own! Register the old-fashioned way by signing up on the clipboard in the church lobby by Sunday, August 13 so we know how many to prepare for. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Walkowiak at ktwalkowiak@gmail.com.

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.