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July 23, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

“[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!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: The One who loves us without end.

ALL: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Hymn – *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399

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 – Psalm 37: 7-11

NRSV pew Bible, p. 483 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the son,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav’n can boast. Amen.

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

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 5

NRSV pew Bible, p. 4 (NT)

Message – The Beatitudes: Power under God’s Control

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

UMH 396

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God in honor of Diane Lipscomb and all of our homebound worshipers.

Today’s Greeters: Renee Aycock & Kathie Lambert

Today’s Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week: ONE combined service at 10AM in Carson Hall parking lot!

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!

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 7/23	<i>Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus (children’s & youth classes are on 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</i>
Mon, 7/24	<i>Duke Field Ed Reflection Group, 1PM in Room 12 Children’s Ministry Council, 6:30PM in the Library</i>
Tues, 7/25	<i>Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall</i>
Wed, 7/26	<i>Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary</i>
Thurs, 7/27	<i>New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall</i>
Sat, 7/29	<i>Tuboku-Metzger funeral, 9AM in Carson Hall/Sanctuary (private) Peggy Bingham’s funeral, 2PM in Sanctuary, reception in Carson Hall following</i>

What to know this week...

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.