



July 9, 2023 9:15AM

Welcome to worship in the name of God the Creator of this beautiful summer day, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. Amen.



### **Song – I Will Rise**

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's dawning near when this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

And I hear the voices of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb."  
And I hear the voices of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb."

I will rise, when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God, fall on my knees and rise. I will rise. I will rise.

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Special Guests: Alex & Dani Tavaréz**

#### **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](mailto: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 – The Potter's Hand**

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand;  
crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;  
teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart,  
I know You're drawing me to Yourself; lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Take me, mold me, use me, fill me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me; I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 3-4**

“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. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

### **Message – The Beatitudes: The Blessings of Poverty**

Pastor Dan Baer

#### **Song – *Trading My Sorrows***

I'm tradin' my sorrows, I'm tradin' my shame,  
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm tradin' my sickness, I'm tradin' my pain,  
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed.  
I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure that His joy's gonna be my strength.  
Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the mornin'.

I'm tradin' my sorrows, I'm tradin' my shame,  
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm tradin' my sickness, I'm tradin' my pain,  
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

I'm tradin' my sorrows, I'm tradin' my shame,  
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm tradin' my sickness, I'm tradin' my pain,  
I'm layin' them down for the joy of the Lord.

For the joy of the Lord, For the joy of the Lord.

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## Benediction

## Sharing Offerings

## Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Tom, Stephanie & Blake Wilson

Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Today's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Scott & Leslie Payne

Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira

*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, 7/9    *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary  
Youth Lunch Club, 12:15PM at Panda Express, 4215 Wake Forest Rd.  
Board of Trustees, 4PM in the Library  
Congregational Care, 4PM in Room 12  
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall  
SPRC, 5PM in the Library  
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*
- Tues, 7/11    *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library  
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office  
GS Troop 733, 6:15PM in Montague Hall*
- Wed, 7/12    *Youth Crash Day: Board Game Palooza, 1PM in Montague Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 7/13    *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room  
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM 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](mailto:heather@exit9b.com)) or Bailey Martin ([youth@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:youth@stjamesraleigh.org)) if you would like to volunteer with either the children's or youth ministries. Thank you!*

**Sunday Hospitality Hosts Needed!** *If you're willing to help set out drinks and snacks in the lobby on Sunday mornings before Common Thread worship and clean everything up by 10:30am, we could use your help! Team leads Sheila DeBastiani ([sheilad983@gmail.com](mailto:sheilad983@gmail.com)) and Denise Holbrook ([deniseholbrook4@gmail.com](mailto:deniseholbrook4@gmail.com)) will be glad to answer your questions or provide training. Please volunteer today at <https://tinyurl.com/HospitalityHosts>.*

**It's Crunch Time!** We need new Backpack Buddies teams by mid-July, or we won't be able to continue serving this mission for the 2023-24 school year. How you can volunteer:

*One & Done Team:* A family or group supports a single month. The group is responsible for buying the food\*, assembling the packages and delivering them to Wildwood Forest Elementary School.

*Put Me In Coach:* Sign up to help, and we'll create a team.

Sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-24BB> or contact Tom Wilson at 919-961-4510.

\*Approved food expenses will be reimbursed.

**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!

**The 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

July 16-22: Youth ASP Trip

July 30: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Under the Trees, 10AM in south parking lot  
AND 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