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July 9, 2023  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

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.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: Thank you, God, for Your word of truth and the lessons that it teaches all Your children.

**People: Help us to walk by faith in Christ and not to depend on our own human merit.**

Leader: Keep us from pride. Give us hearts that are humble in spirit.

**ALL: Lead us in the paths of godly righteousness and truth.**

**Hymn – *This Is My Father's World***

*UMH 144*

**Doxology**

*UMH 95*

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Special Guests: Alex & Dani Tavaréz**

## **Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews or email [prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto: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 – Isaiah 30: 18**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 619 (OT)

**The Apostles Creed**

*UMH 881*

## **Choir Anthem – *With Endless Praise***

Let us sing with endless praise and proclaim His word in ev'ry phrase.

Let our song to God above show the promise of His love.

He will keep our spirits free; fill our hearts with peace and harmony.

Now our songs of joy we raise, and we sing with endless praise!

Sing out with joy, our voices we raise. Let ev'ry song resound with His praise.

Sing out with joy to heaven above, tell the promise of His love.

Alleluia, sing alleluia, with songs of peace and harmony.  
Sing out with joy, our voices we raise with our song of endless praise!  
Let us sing with endless praise and proclaim His word in ev'ry phrase.  
Let our song to God above show the promises of His love.  
He will keep our spirits free; fill our hearts with peace and harmony.  
Now our songs of joy we raise, and we sing with endless praise!  
Sing out with endless praise!

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### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 3**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 4 (NT)

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

Pastor Dan Baer

### **Hymn – *Seek Ye First***

UMH 405

### **Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

Today we welcome missionaries Alex & Dani Alvarez to St. James! They will share during both worship services about the student ministry they have been doing for 26 years, and the most recent 6 years in Guam. We will collect a love offering to support them and their ministry.

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Pam & Mike Buckland  
in honor of their 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

Today's Greeters: Doug & Claudia LeBarron  
Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Greeters: Diane Lipscomb & Winnie Webb  
Next Week's Sound Operator: Tim Johnson

*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, 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

**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. (\*Approved food expenses will be reimbursed.)

- **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.

**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.