



August 13, 2023 9:15AM

Dear Jesus, help us listen for your voice during this time of worship. Amen.



Song – *Mighty to Save*

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.
Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in; now I surrender.
Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

Shine your light and let the whole world see: we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!
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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 – *10,000 Reasons*

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.
And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin; arr. Dan Galbraith & Brad Henderson
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Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:8

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Message – To Will One Thing

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – *What If His People Prayed*

What if the armies of the Lord picked up and dusted off their swords,
vowed to set the captives free, and not let Satan have one more?
What if the church, for heaven’s sake, finally stepped up to the plate,
took a stand upon God’s promise, and stormed hell’s rusty gates?

What if His people prayed, and those who bear His name
would humbly seek His face and turn from their own way?

And what would happen if we prayed for those raised up to lead the way?
Then, maybe, kids in school could pray, forgotten children see light of day.
What if the life that we pursue came from a hunger for the Truth?
What if the family turned to Jesus; stopped asking others what to do!

What if His people prayed, and those who bear His name
would humbly seek His face and turn from their own way?
He said that they would hear; His promise has been made.
He’ll answer loud and clear, if only we would pray.
If my people, called by My name, if they’ll humble themselves and pray;
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What if His people prayed, and those who bear His name
would humbly seek His face and turn from their own way?
He said that they would hear; His promise has been made.
He’ll answer loud and clear, if only we would pray.
What if His people prayed?

Mark Hall & Steven Curtis Chapman
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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: William & Dawn Robertson
Today's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs
This Week's PowerPoint Operator: Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Chris, Lori, Holli & Lilli Bradley
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paul 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!*



Scan this code to give your offering online!

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 8/13 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Youth Lunch Club, 12:15PM at Sean's Shack, 2840 E. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh
Congregational Care, 4PM in Room 12
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Tues, 8/15 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed, 8/16 ****Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at The Red Bowl, 6360 Plantation Center Dr., Raleigh***
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 8/17 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 8/19 ****Church Picnic, 1PM in Carson Hall parking lot***

Sun, 8/20 ****Promotion Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks at both worship services***
****Children's Discipleship Planning Lunch, 12:15PM in Carson Hall***
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
Finance Committee, 5PM in the Library
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

Project Agape deadline is TODAY! Don't forget to turn in your Project Agape boxes to St. James by Sunday, August 13! 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.

***Coffee & Conversation this Wednesday:** Our widows' group has will dine together at The Red Bowl (6360 Plantation Center Drive, off Capital Blvd.) on Wednesday, August 16 at 11:30am. Hope you like Asian food! Ladies, feel free to invite any widows you know, and contact Peggy Biggers (biggers11@aol.com, 919-872-1800 or 919-632-1212) if you plan to attend.

***Hawaiian Luau Church Picnic on Saturday, August 19, 1-4PM.** Come on, St. James: don't you want to enjoy some food, fun and fellowship with your church family? **Today's the deadline to sign up for the church picnic!** We can't prepare enough food if we don't know that you're coming! Sign up **NOW** on the clipboard in the church lobby. Remember that each family attending should bring a side (or two!) to share! The Social Committee will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and fixings, and the UMM will provide ice cream for dessert. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Walkowiak at ktwalkowiak@gmail.com.

***Promotion Sunday is August 20:** New Kindergartners and 6th graders will promote into their new Discipleship classes, and 3rd graders will receive a new Bible. If you have a 3rd grader or a child/youth that has never received a Bible, please contact the office with the child's name and what service you will attend next Sunday, and we'll have a Bible ready for them! We'll also have a Blessing of the Backpacks in each worship service. Children, youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, lunchboxes, or briefcases so that they may be prayed over and sent out with blessings for a wonderful school year.

Children's Discipleship Training August 20: If you are a K-5 Discipleship teacher, or willing to join a teaching team, the Children's Ministry Council will have a Teacher Planning and Lunch meeting in Carson Hall following the Sanctuary Worship service on Sunday, August 20. Please come join us for fellowship and a look at the Fall curriculum.

The 2023 **Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for August 26, 2023 **has been rescheduled for October 7.** This spring, our host course Zebulon Country Club reseeded their greens. Due to the weather, the greens will not be available for play by August 26, so we have worked with the course to reschedule for October 7. We apologize for this change. If you have any questions, please contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419, 919-247-5233 or mholbr2@ncsu.edu).

Kids Club: There is no Kids Club in August. We will have our **Kids Club Kickoff on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00PM** in Carson Hall. Bailey will lead the youth and kids in a Family Feud Night: Adult Volunteers vs. Kids/Youth. If you are currently volunteering, or have considered volunteering with either Kids Club or Youth, we invite you to come join us for some fun and to learn more about what is planned for the Kids Club and Youth programs for 2023-24!

Adult ASP Trip: We have dates set for a Fall ASP mission trip for those 18+. We'll be heading to Jonesville, VA Thursday, October 26-Sunday, October 29. Expected cost is \$100 per person. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Pastor Dan (dan@stjamesraleigh.org) by August 31!

Stephen Ministry Note: Our Stephen Ministry will begin a training in October. Stephen Ministers are lay persons who have been trained and commissioned to provide Christian care for others. The care and friendship of a Stephen Minister can be a source of strength, guidance and comfort to persons going through difficult times. If you are interested in this ministry and feel called to serve as a Stephen Minister, please contact Pat Fasone (919-630-5909) for more information.

Plan Ahead! As students return to school and our programs and events gear up for the fall, please remember to plan ahead and submit Ministry Planning Sheets for any new meetings or events. We are working to get a Google calendar linked from our church software added to our church webpage for planning purposes, but if you don't submit a Planning Sheet, your event won't make it onto the church calendar. Planning Sheets are available in the office or under the Members tab on the church website, or you can contact Martha (office@stjamesraleigh.org; 919-876-5796) for help.