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August 20, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

God is the one who calls us to worship. We come to celebrate together all the good things
God has done — especially the gift of life and grace in Jesus Christ.
When we remember these things, we give thanks and praise to God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to be peacemakers, to stand against injustice, inequality and oppression.

People: For injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Leader: Let us gather as the children of God, committed to the call of peacemaking.

People: We gather, as the children of God. God of peace is our refuge. Let us worship God.

Hymns – *For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH 428

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Blessing of the Backpacks

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 – Isaiah 11: 1-7

NRSV pew Bible, p. 602 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 9

NRSV pew Bible, p. 4 (NT)

Message – Seeing the World Needy and Whole

Bailey Martin

Hymn – *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

UMH 431

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Karen & Jonathan Owens
in memory of Rev. & Mrs. Ralph and Pat Epps.*

Today's Greeters: Anne Canady & Judy Lassiter
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: William & Sharon Johnson
Next Week's Sound Operator: Steve Snow
Altar Flowers: Brenda Robertson

*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!*

