



St. James United Methodist Church
Mailing Address: PO Box 40100, Raleigh, NC 27629
Physical Address: 3808 St. James Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27604
919-876-5796
office@stjamesraleigh.org



August 6, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

“The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, having the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image.” — Thomas Merton

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love;

People: We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God’s tender mercy towards us.

Leader: Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us, forgiving us for our sin and shame;

People: We come to worship and honor our merciful God, and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.

Leader: Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered;

ALL: We come to worship and revere our glorious God, who enriches the lives of God’s own people and speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people. Amen.

Hymns – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH 577

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 – Lamentations 3: 21-25

NRSV pew Bible, p. 720 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 7

NRSV pew Bible, p. 4 (NT)

Message – Grace That Acts

Bailey Martin

Choir Anthem – Devotion

I am Thine, O Lord – I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer to Thy precious bleeding side.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Fanny Crosby; arr. by John Ness Beck ©1982 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Holy Communion

Hymn – *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

TFWS 2223

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: Robert & Donna Mohn
Today's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Tim & Heather Johnson
Next Week's Sound Operator: Matoka Snuggs

*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, 8/6 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
St. James Youth, 4pm in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*

Tues, 8/8 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
Wed, 8/9 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
Thurs, 8/10 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 8/12 Produce Packing, 8:30AM in Carson Hall
Private party, 2PM in Carson Hall

Project Agape deadline is NEXT Sunday! 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.

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? The deadline to sign up for the church picnic is NEXT SUNDAY, and a lot of names are missing from the list! 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. If you can't get to the clipboard, contact Martha in the church office (919-876-5796 or office@stjamesraleigh.org) to add your name to the list. 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 on August 20, and we'll have a Bible ready for them!

The 2023 **Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for August 26, 2023 **has been rescheduled for October 7, 2023.** 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 mhholbr2@ncsu.edu).

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.