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“I AM
the bread of

LIFE.”

October 1, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome! God says: "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 78:1).
Let us listen for God's voice as we worship.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord gives food in due season;

People: God satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

People: God, give us this bread always.

Leader: We have been raised with Christ.

ALL: Let us seek the things that are above.

Hymn – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

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.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 16: 11-15

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 60-61

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *One Bread, One Body*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless, we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless, we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless, we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body, we are one body,
we are one body in this one Lord.

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Gospel Reading – John 6: 48-51 NRSV pew Bible, pp. 92-93 (NT)

Message – Bread that Sustains Pastor Dan Baer

Holy Communion

Hymn – *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today’s Greeters: Ed & Ellen Giunco
Today’s Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week’s Greeters: Doug & Claudia LeBarron
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!*

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What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 10/1 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
***Children's Sunday Music Practice, 4PM in Music Room**
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 10/2 Acts Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
***UMM Dinner/Meeting, 7PM in Carson Hall**

Tues, 10/3 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Wed, 10/4 **Christmas Cantata Practice, 6PM in the Music Room**
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 10/5 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 10/7 ***Produce Assembly, 8:30AM in Carson Hall**
GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall
***Stan Whitt Golf Classic, 1PM at Zebulon Country Club**

Sun, 10/8 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
***Concessions-Style Lunch, 12PM in Carson Hall**
***Blessing of the Animals Service, 3:30PM in Carson Hall Parking Lot**
*Children's Sunday Music Practice, 4PM in Music Room
Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

*** Music Practice for Children's Sunday:** On Sunday, October 29, we'll have a special 5th Sunday combined worship service celebrating Children's Sunday. St. James kids will be participating in worship in many different ways, including singing! Chrissy would like any children interested in participating in the Children's Sunday worship service to **come each Sunday to the Music Room at 4pm** to learn and rehearse the music for that day.

***UMM:** After a relaxing summer off, the United Methodist Men will return to their monthly dinner meetings **tomorrow night at 7pm in Carson Hall**. We'll eat BBQ, slaw and potatoes.

***Christmas Cantata Practice:** Anyone who is interested in singing the Christmas Cantata with the choir should join us in the Music Room on Wednesday nights 6:00-6:30pm. The Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 during 11am Sanctuary Worship.

The 2023 **Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for August 26, 2023 **has been rescheduled for October 7**. There's still time to put a team together and register! Download a form [here](#) or pick one up on the clipboard wall in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419, 919-247-5233 or mholbr2@ncsu.edu).

Church Luncheon Planned! Join us for a concessions-style lunch on **Sunday, October 8 at 12:00 noon**. We'll have hot dogs with all the fixings, nachos with homemade queso, popcorn and ice cream! And our PNC Concessions Team will share a report about our fundraising efforts in 2022-23. Please let us know that you're coming by signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AD2EABF85-never#/> or on the clipboard sheet in the church lobby.

And, while we're on the subject, it's time to start **volunteering for PNC Arena Concessions** again! This is a great fundraiser for our church and an opportunity to fellowship with church friends! If you're new to the team, don't worry – we'll train you. Please check out the dates and sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AD2EABF85-concessions>.

Blessing of the Animals Service: Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to a blessing service on Sunday, October 8 at 3:30pm. Park in the playground parking lot and we'll gather together in the yard. All animals should be suitably controlled: whether on leashes or in kennels or cages.

Trunk or Treat coming October 29: Please mark your calendars to join us for the Social Committee's Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 29, 2-4PM**. Our goal this year is to engage with more folks while we have them here on our campus, so we'll also include games organized by our youth and a light supper and ice cream provided by the UMM.

Please register for a parking spot at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Trunk>. A "group" can be a committee, a discipleship group, a family or couple of families, or friends that want to join together for a good time. Each group will provide their own candy to hand out. If you are unable to join the festivities but would like to donate candy instead, please contact Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com).