



October 15, 2023 9:15AM

Author of Life, write your words on the hearts of all who gather here,
that our lives may tell the story of your love for all the world.



Song – *The River Is Here*

Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here.
The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.

The river of God is teeming with life and all who touch it can be revived.
And those who linger on this river's shore will come thirsting for more of the Lord.
The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.

Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run; we dance with laughter, giving praise to the Son.
The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.
We rejoice for the river is here. We rejoice for the river is here!

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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 – *Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love, so amazing.
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread; His blood, the wine; broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing. Love, so amazing.
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

Jesus, Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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Gospel Readings – Matthew 9: 27-31; Mark 6: 30-44

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you have faith that I can do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith, let it be done to you.” And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” But they went away and spread the news about him through all of that district.

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Message – Rambling with Rat

Julian Bridgers, Lay Leader

Song – All the People Said Amen

You are not alone, if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you’re not the only.

We are all the same – in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.

It’s all you got to lean on, but thank God, it’s all you need.

And all the people said, “Amen.” Whoa, and all the people said, “Amen.”

Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, “Amen.”

If you’re rich or poor; well, it don’t matter. Weak or strong, love is what we’re after.

We’re all broken, but we’re all in this together.

God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the world He sent his Son to save us all.

And all the people said, “Amen.” Whoa, and all the people said, “Amen.”

Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, “Amen.”

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart. Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.

Blessed are the people hungry for another start, for theirs is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa, and all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, "Amen."
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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

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!*

Today's Greeters: Ed & Kay Smallwood
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira
Next Week's Greeters: Chris, Lori, Holli & Lilli Bradley
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 10/15 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Youth Lunch Club, 12:15PM at Jason's Deli, 909 Spring Forest Rd.
SJ Youth: Trunk or Treat Prep, 3PM in Montague Hall
*Children's Sunday Music Practice, 4PM in Music Room
SPRC, 4PM in the Library
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
Finance Committee, 5PM in the Library
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 10/16 Acts Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12
*Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Transformational Ministry, 6:30PM in Room 12

Tues, 10/17 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Wed, 10/18 ***Coffee & Conversation Lunch, 11:30AM at Red Lobster, 4408 Old Wake Forest Rd.**
Christmas Cantata Practice, 6PM in the Music Room
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 10/19 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
*Children's Liturgical Dance Practice, 6:30PM in Saints Hall
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall



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Sat, 10/21 ***Church Work Day, 8:30AM in Carson Hall**
 GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall

Sun, 10/22 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
 Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus
 ***AED Demo/Training, 10:15AM in Carson Hall**
 Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
 *Children's Sunday Music Practice, 4PM in Music Room
 St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
 Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
 Administrative Council, 5:30PM in Carson Hall
 NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

What to know this week...

Children's Sunday Practices: Parents, please remember the practice times for Children's Sunday (October 29) worship practices:

Music is with Chrissy in the Music Room, Sundays at 4PM

Liturgical Dance is with Cheryl in Saints Hall, Thursdays at 6:30PM

Technology Open Help Workshop: Raleigh SeniorTechEd will be back at St. James **tomorrow at 1PM in Room 12** to answer your technology questions or to address any problems you are having with your tech devices (smartphones, tablets, computers).

Church Work Day Scheduled: The leaves are falling, and that means a fall cleanup of our campus! Our Trustees have a work day scheduled for **Saturday, October 21 at 8:30am**. Our focus will be clearing the sticks and leaves outside in our beds, yards, and playground. Juice and donuts will be provided! Please sign up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/SJWorkday>. Thank you!

AED Demonstration/Training: If you are interested in learning how to use our AED (automated external defibrillator) in case of a cardiac emergency, join us next Sunday, **October 22 at 10:15AM in Carson Hall**. Chandra Rigda will give a brief demonstration of the machine, instruct those attending how to use it and answer any questions.

Trunk or Treat coming Sunday, October 29, 4-6PM: We hope this will be a fun event for our church and our community, so we're including games organized by our youth and a light supper and ice cream provided by the UMM. We need donations of candy and small items to use as game prizes. Please drop off donation in the marked box on the Welcome Center counter.

If you would like to participate in the Trunk-or-Treat, please register for a parking spot at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Trunk>. People can team up or work individually to decorate a car/SUV trunk or truck bed with any fun, appropriate theme. Participants should provide their own candy to hand out. Please contact Keith Walkowiak (ktwalkowiak@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Church Office & Food Pantry Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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