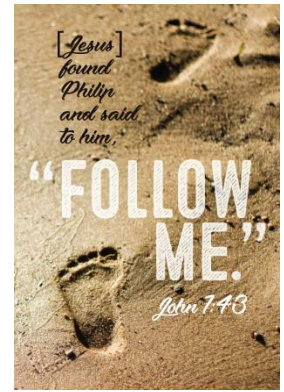




**January 14, 2024 9:15AM**

Tomorrow is MLK Day, Lord. As I worship today, help me see specific ways in which you call me to better serve and love others.



### **Song – “Better Is One Day”**

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty,

to find you in the place Your glory dwells.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the Living God. Your Spirit’s water for my soul.

I’ve tasted and I’ve seen, come once again to me.

I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, thousands elsewhere.

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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](mailto: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 – “Word of God Speak”**

I’m finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it’s okay.

The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty,  
to be still and know that You’re in this place?

Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise.

All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet, I hear Your voice.

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty,  
to be still and know that You're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.

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### **Scripture Reading – John 1: 43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### **Message – Responding to the Call**

Pastor Dan Baer

### **Song – "From the Inside Out"**

A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains.

And should I stumble again, still I'm caught in your grace.

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. Never ending Your glory goes beyond all fame.

Your will, above all else, my purpose remains; the art of losing myself in bringing You praise.

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. Never ending; Your glory goes beyond all fame.

My heart and my soul, I give You control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord.

Let justice and praise become my embrace, to love you from the inside out.

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.

And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise. From the inside out, Oh, my soul cries out.

My heart and my soul, I give You control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord.

Let justice and praise become my embrace, to love You from the inside out.

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From the inside out, oh, my soul cries out.

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### **Benediction**

### **Sharing Offerings**

### **Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve**

Today's Greeters: Keith, Temple, Meredith & Thomas Walkowiak  
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operators: Matoka Snuggs & Tucker Thorpe

Next Week's Greeters: Tom, Stephanie & Blake Wilson  
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo 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!*

**Calendar this week:**

TODAY, 1/14	Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary <b>Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12</b> <b>Worship Team, 5PM in Room 12</b> <b>Youth Lock-In, 6PM in Carson &amp; Montague Halls</b> NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 1/15	MLK Day of Service GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Tues, 1/16	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Wed, 1/17	Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary
Thurs, 1/18	New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 1/20	GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall
Sun, 1/21	Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary Finance Committee, 4PM in Room 12 SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Halls

## What to know this week...

**The 2024 Altar Flowers Signup is Available!** If you'd like to provide altar flowers for the sanctuary in 2024, please visit the online signup page at [www.tinyurl.com/SJAltarFlowers](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJAltarFlowers), sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby, or contact Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org); 919-876-5796) for assistance.

**Life Line Screening is coming January 24, 9AM-5PM:** Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Saint James UMC. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions is offered for only \$159 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 member discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450, visit <https://llsa.social/Hc> or text the word "circle" to 797979.

**Introducing the Mr. St. James Pageant 2024!** Come support the St James UMY and get to know some of the United Methodist Men a little better. On Sunday, January 28, we will have lunch provided by the UMM following the 11AM service. During the lunch we'll have a "men's pageant" to raise money for the UMY. Your donations will determine the winner. One dollar equals one vote. Join us for fun, fellowship, and to choose your Mr. St James!

**2024 Calendar Reminder:** Committee chairs and ministry/mission/program leaders: Please be sure to plan ahead and submit your 2023 Ministry Planning Sheets to get your events on the church calendar! Since there are several new faces on the Administrative Council this coming year, some meeting dates and times may change. Reserve your dates and spaces as soon as possible; all are first-come, first served. Planning sheets are available in the church office and on the Members page of the church website ([stjumc.us](http://stjumc.us)).

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