

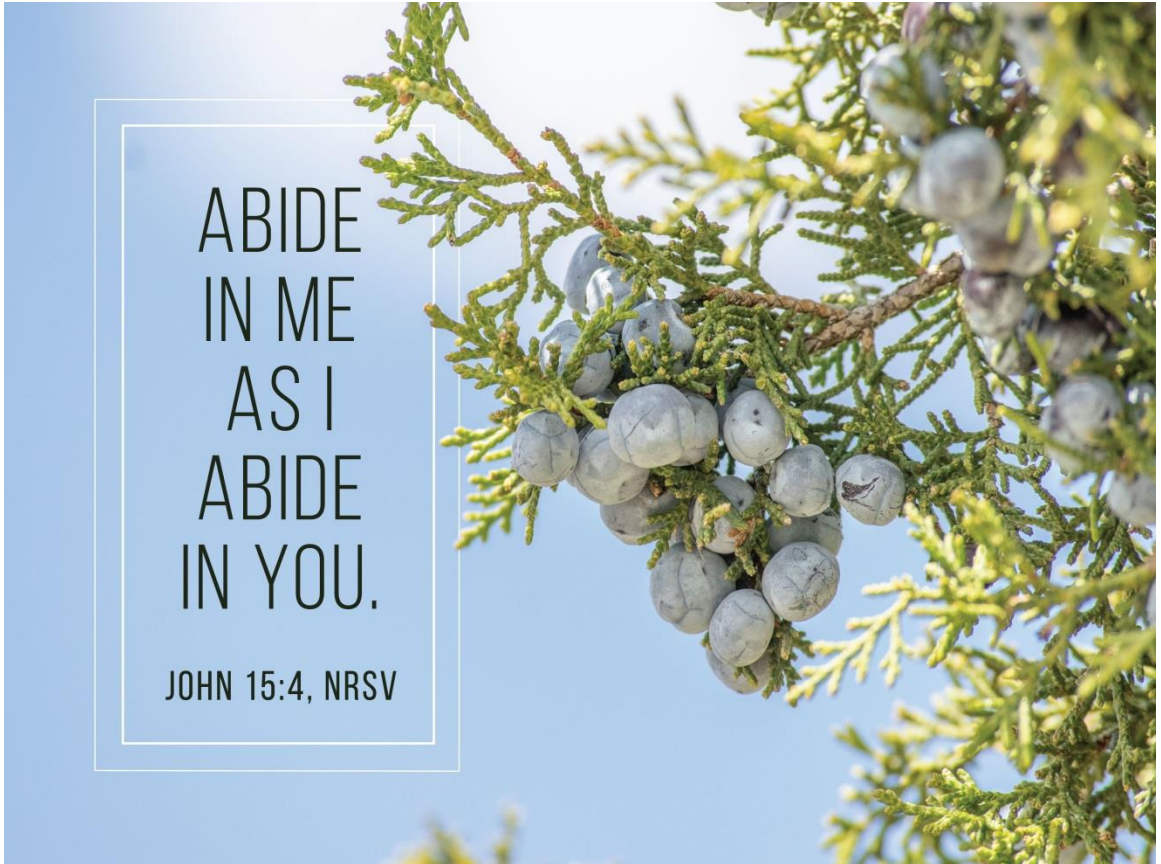
## St. James United Methodist Church

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April 28, 2024  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Jesus said, “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:8, NRSV). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love. Welcome.

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

**People: we are connected, in love, to God.**

Leader: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

**People: we are connected, in love, to one another.**

Leader: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

**ALL: we strengthen our connection through worship.**

### **Hymn – “I Need Thee Every Hour”**

*UMH 397*

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

#### **Prayer Time and Lord’s Prayer**

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews 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.**

### **Offering**

#### **Doxology**

*UMH 95*

#### **Scripture Reading – 1 John 4: 7-21**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 226-227 (NT)

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

*UMH 881*

#### **Anthem – “Here I Am, Lord”** Arr. Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

#### **Gospel Reading – John 15: 1-8**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 226-227 (NT)

#### **Message – Connection with Christ**

Pastor Dan Baer

#### **Hymn – “Abide with Me”**

*UMH 700*

## Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones  
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: M.A. & Brenda Robertson  
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

*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.*

*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!*



*We send an email newsletter with upcoming events, meeting reminders, birthdays & anniversaries each week. If you would like to be added to our email list, please email Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org)).*

### ***What to know this week...***

**Life Line Screening** will return to St. James this Tuesday, April 30! Life Line Screening is the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, and they still have appointment times left to register for their package of four screenings to identify risks for stroke, heart condition, and other chronic conditions. Screenings are non-invasive and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll-free 1-888-653-6450 or visiting <https://LLSA.social/HC> online.

**Communion Server Orientation/Training on May 5:** The Worship Team would like to recruit some additional volunteers to assist the pastor in serving communion each month at both Common Thread and Sanctuary Worship. If you have ever considered being a part of this important ministry but weren't sure if there are any special qualifications or had questions about how to serve, then we invite you to attend the orientation and training session on May 5, 2024, at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Also, if you are currently serving and would like to review and refresh yourself on the procedures and processes for serving, please plan to attend. The only qualification is that you love God and come to His table with humility, just as you do when receiving the bread and the cup. We will equip you to serve and answer your questions. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry team and sign up for the May 5 session by e-mailing the church office at [office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org). Of course, if you have any questions prior to the training, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Dan or Linda Davenport, Worship Team Chair.

**Calendar this week:**

- TODAY, 4/28      *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
*St. James UMY, 4PM in Carson Hall*  
*NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*
- Mon, 4/29      **Isaiah Bible Study, 10:30AM in Room 12**  
*GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
- Tues, 4/30      *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*  
**Life Line Screening, 9AM-5PM in Carson Hall**  
*Staff Meeting, 12:30PM in the Office*  
**Isaiah Bible Study, 7PM in the Library**
- Wed, 5/1      *Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 5/2      *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room*  
*CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall*
- Fri, 5/3      *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*
- Sat, 5/4      *GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*  
*Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*
- Sun, 5/5      *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
**Communion Servers Orientation/Training, 4PM in the Sanctuary**  
*St. James UMY, 4PM in Montague Hall*  
*NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*



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

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