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# REIMAGINING COMMUNITY

◆ *United in Spirit and Purpose* ◆

a summer journey through Ephesians, part two

August 25, 2024  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Praise to you, O Lord! Though you are above all and beyond all, you come close to us  
and hold us in gentle care. We worship you.

## **Gathering In**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: The living God has sent the living bread from heaven to fill our hearts  
with strength!

**All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn – “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

*UMH 577*

**Opening Prayer**

**A New Year: Celebrating and Blessing**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

*UMH 95*

**Proclamation and Response**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Psalm 84

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 5513-514 (OT)

Anthem – “One Voice” R. Moody

**Scripture Reading – Ephesians 6: 10-20**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 184 (NT)

**Sermon – Get Ready**

Pastor Amanda Bunce

**Response to the Word**

Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation

*UMH 885*

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

*\*Let us pray to God, saying “O God, keep your promise. **You have the words of life.**”*

**The Lord’s Prayer: 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.

## Sending Out

Hymn – “Sing a New Church”

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Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Brenda Robertson in celebration of M.A. Robertson's birthday and their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month.*

Today's Greeters: Chip & Jeanette Gray  
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: R.E. & Beth Cobb  
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

*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.*

*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!*

Scan this code to give your offering online!



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)).

## Sermon Notes

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### **Calendar this week...**

**TODAY, 8/25**     **Promotion Sunday/Blessing of Backpacks/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles in each service**  
Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary  
SJ Youth, 4PM in Room 12: Creating with Pastor Amanda

**Tues, 8/27**     Library Committee, 9AM in the Library  
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office

**Wed, 8/28**     Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary

**Thurs, 8/29**     New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room  
CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

**Sun, 9/1**     Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall  
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus  
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary

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

**The office & Food Pantry will be closed** on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. We'll be back to our regular schedule (Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm) on Tuesday!

**Let's Go Square Dancing!** Get ready to kick up your heels and do-si-do at our "Take Me Dancing, Square Dancing!" Party Night event on **Tuesday, September 3, 6:30-8PM in Carson Hall.** Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a fun-filled evening of square dancing sponsored by the Capital Squares! No experience and no partner are necessary. Our friendly instructor will guide you through the steps. Party Night Admission is free for St. James UMC members! Simply sign-in at the door and identify yourself as a St. James member. If you have fun and want to learn more, the Capital Squares are offering 6-week beginners class in Carson Hall starting Tuesday, Sept. 10. Discounted cost is only \$24 for St. James members!

**The Annual BBQ Fundraiser is coming Friday, September 27!** Please think how you can support this fundraiser: whether by donating \$25 towards the purchase of our pork shoulders (please signify this on your offering envelope or check), cooking, assembling the plates, baking brownies, manning the drive-thru, taking orders &/or delivering them to local businesses, or publicizing the BBQ to all your friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Sign up to help at [www.tinyurl.com/SJ-BBQVolunteers](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJ-BBQVolunteers)!

**ASP Fall Trip for Adults:** Roger Miedema is leading a team from St. James to work with ASP in Jonesville, VA in October. The team will travel up Thursday, October 3 and return on Sunday, October 6. We currently have 8 people committed, but the more, the merrier! If you'd like to join the trip, register at <https://apps.skycoq.com/reg/APPSERV/Join>, group code #15761. Cost of the trip is \$100 per participant. Please contact [Martha](#) to verify that you have an updated background check on file or with any questions.

## **Sing a New Church** NETTLETON

(sung to the melody for “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)

Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity  
Gathered in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity.

*Refrain:* Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
sing a new Church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water,  
robed in holiness and light,  
male and female in God’s image,  
male and female, God’s delight.

### *Refrain*

Trust the goodness of creation;  
trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised,  
sprung from seed of what has been.

### *Refrain*

Bring the hopes of every nation;  
bring the art of every race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice;  
let it sound through time and space.

### *Refrain*

Draw together at one table,  
all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider  
and a people ever free.