

# St. James United Methodist Church

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10:00 AM Combined Service

Thank you, Lord of life, for this beautiful summer day! May all who worship here know the warmth of your presence and the sunlight of your love.

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: As the sun rises in the morning,

**People: as the cool breeze ushers in the evening,**

Leader: as the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land;

**ALL: God is present with us. Let us worship God.**

### **Hymn – “My Hope Is Built”**

*UMH 368*

### **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 – “The Potter’s Hand”**

Common Thread Band

### **Doxology**

*UMH 95*

### **Scripture Reading – Isaiah 43: 1-3a**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 631 (OT)

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*UMH 881*

### **Anthems – “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”**

Sanctuary Choir

### **Gospel Reading – Mark 4: 35-41**

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 36-37 (NT)

### **Message – Parting Words**

Pastor Dan Baer

## **An Order of Farewell to a Pastor**

*As a Response to the Word, Lay Leader Sandra Horton comes forward and announces that the time has come to say farewell to the pastor.*

Pastor Dan: I thank you, the members and friends of St. James United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered to you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

Pastor Dan: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor.

Let us pray:

**ALL: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn – “It Is Well with My Soul”**

*UMH 377*

**Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Jeannie Betts  
in honor of her mother Rose McCauley's birthday on June 20.*

Today's Greeters: Tim, Heather, Evan & Carter Johnson  
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

**NEXT SUNDAY: 10AM COMBINED WORSHIP IN CARSON HALL**

Next Week's Greeters: Chris, Lori, Holli & Lilli Bradley

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!*

**Calendar this week:**

TODAY, 6/23

**Farewell, Pastor Dan!**

**Combined Worship, 10AM in the Sanctuary**

**Pastor Dan's Farewell Luncheon in Carson Hall following worship**

**Youth ASP Participant Meeting, 12:15PM in Montague Hall**

Tues, 6/25

Library Committee, 9AM in the Library

GS Troop 733, 6PM in Montague Hall

Wed, 6/26

Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 6/27

New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in the Music Room

CT Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Fri, 6/28

Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen

Sat, 6/29

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Sun, 6/30

**Hymns/Songs We Love Combined Worship Service, 10AM in Carson Hall**

**Faye Vest's Memorial Service, 3PM in the Sanctuary;**

**reception following in Carson Hall**

**SJ Youth Pool Party, 3-6PM at Broadlands Pool, 3400 E. Annaley Dr., Raleigh**

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

**Special Offering today & June 30:** Our second quarter Special Offering will be collected today & next Sunday, June 30 and will benefit UMCOR. Please designate "Special Offering-UMCOR" on your offering envelope, check, or online donation.

**Plan to join us today after worship for a luncheon in Carson Hall, hosted by the UMM. We will celebrate Pastor Dan's time with us and wish him well in his next position. All are welcome!**

**Youth Pool Party on June 30!** The SJ Youth Fifth Sunday Fun-day will be a pool party at Broadlands Pool, 3400 E. Annaley Dr., Raleigh 27604 on Sunday, June 30, 3-6pm! Hot dogs and snacks will be provided; bring your own beverage. All summer youth events are open to those who have completed grades 5-12. Please RSVP or direct questions to Bailey by June 28.

**From Children's Ministries:** The K-5 Sunday School class will take a break for the summer and not meet in July and August. We will start back in September with children attending their new age-level class (preschool, K-5 or Youth.)

Also, we need a teaching partner for one of our K-5 Sunday School teaching teams. If you are interested in joining a teaching team, please contact Heather Johnson at [heather@exit9b.com](mailto:heather@exit9b.com). Teaching teams usually teach 2 months out of the year (ex. September & May). Thank you!

**Life Line Screening** will return to St. James on Thursday, July 18! Life Line Screening is the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, and they offer a 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 1-888-653-6450 or by visiting <https://LLSA.social/HC> online.