



St. James United Methodist Church

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REIMAGINING COMMUNITY

◆ *United in Spirit and Purpose* ◆

a summer journey through Ephesians, part two

August 11, 2024

11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

In this time of worship, may all gathered here experience your lavish love, O God, through your Word and through one another. Amen.

Gathering In

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit our steadfast loving God reaches out to redeem us.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

UMH 103

Opening Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Ministry Moment – BBQ Fundraiser

Sharon Johnson

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – John 6:35, 41-51

NRSV pew Bible, pp. 92-93 (NT)

Anthem – “Draw the Circle Wide”

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

NRSV pew Bible, p. 183 (NT)

Sermon – Living in Community

Pastor Amanda Bunce

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

**Please respond to each “We wait for you, Lord,” with “in your word we hope.”*

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 – “Draw the Circle Wide”

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Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth

Today's Greeters: M.A. & Brenda Robertson and St. James Youth

Today's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Mary Ellen Mauney and Anita Robinson-Christmas

Next Week's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

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!



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).

Sermon Notes

Rev. Amanda Bunce, Lead Pastor amanda@stjamesraleigh.org
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Church Office & Food Pantry Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
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No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
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Gordon Light, Mark A. Miller.

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Calendar this week:

TODAY, 8/11 *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 Montague Hall: Music w/Sheila DeBastiani*

Tues, 8/13 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office*

Wed, 8/14 *Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary*

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

Fri, 8/16 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*

Sat, 8/17 *Bread Ministry, 9PM in the Kitchen*

Sun, 8/18 *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 Carson Hall: Movement with Cheryl Walfall-Flagg
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
Nominations Committee, 5PM in the Library*

What to know this week...

Church Directory Update: We need your CURRENT family photos for our first church directory update in 5 years! We know most of you probably have great pics of your own: send them to Martha at office@stjamesraleigh.org. We can accept JPG, JPEG or PNG digital files, or we can scan your hard-copy photo into a digital file in the church office. All we ask is that you include all members of your current household and keep it church-appropriate. Deadline for photo submissions is **August 18**.

Last Chance: Helen McGee will be available to take updated photos for church members at the church **TODAY 9am-12:15pm** in the office. No sign-up necessary: come early to worship, or stay after – just drop by and get an updated church photo made!

Looking ahead: Promotion Sunday is August 25 –new kindergartners and 6th graders will promote into their new Discipleship classes and 3rd graders will receive a new Bible. If you have a 3rd grader or a child/youth that has never received a Bible, please contact the office with the child's name and what service you will attend next Sunday, and we'll have a Bible ready for them! We'll also have a Blessing of the Backpacks in each worship service. Children, youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, lunchboxes, or briefcases so that they may be prayed over and sent out with blessings for a wonderful school year.