

St. James United Methodist Church

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Welcome to on-line worship from St. James United Methodist Church!
We are pleased to have you as part of our family of faith today and every Sunday.

Visit www.stjames-umchurch.org and click on online worship at the top of the homepage. Turn your sound on and follow along with this bulletin.
The announcements are at the end of the bulletin.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Rev. Gary Ponder Williams

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Compassionate Lord, You bless those who mourn and surround them with Your comfort. As we enter this time of worship, calm our spirits, steady our hearts, and let Your healing love rest upon us. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Gather Together" (UMH 131)

Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: "Be present." Breathe out: "Comfort us."

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

"Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

Together

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:4 NRSVUE

Rev. Gary Ponder Williams

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God’s Warm Blanket”

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"He Touched Me" (UMH 367)

Together

Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Refrain

**He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.**

Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

Together

Pray the Lord's Prayer in any version or language you feel comfortable with.

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

Online worshippers can participate in the offering via PayPal by scanning the QR code below.



* DOXOLOGY

Together

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (UMH 664)

Together

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Jane and Dave Jenkins in memory of Mom, Dad and John.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday July 19.

Ushers: Betty Ann Dudziak and Peggy Hodkinson
Greeters: Dave and Jane Jenkins
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Brenda DuLong
Refreshments: George Kenson and Dianne Tate.
Counters: Robin House, Joyce Hawkins, Carol Hurwitch

Announcements – July 12, 2026

Interested in Becoming a Member of St. James?

See Pastor Hyuk if you are interested in becoming a member of St. James Church.

Summer Sermon Series

In July and August, Pastor Hyuk will be preaching a series on the Beatitudes of Jesus.

Trustees Maintenance Projects

The Board of Trustees has been tackling several large projects to keep our building safe and well maintained. We are thankful to the people who have donated above and beyond their pledged giving to make some of these things happen. Future projects include replacing windows in the Fellowship Hall wing of the building, replacing the washing sink and faucet in the kitchen, a circulating pump for our heating system, a Modine heater in the hallway, rebuilding the handicap ramp to meet current ADA specifications and a digital sign out front. If you would like to make a donation to any of these projects, please make checks payable to St. James UMC and write "Trustees Projects" on the memo line. If you have questions, see Dick Wallace.

Join A-Men of Service

A-Men of Service (UMM), a Granite District group of volunteer handymen, in conjunction with our NE Preachers' Aid Society, are building a deck in Sanbornville, NH. If you have carpentry skills and would like to participate on this project or future endeavors, please contact Steve Fisher - steve.envsadv@gmail.com or Bob Stewart - pastorbobstewart@gmail.com. The next work days are Fri July 17; and Sat July 18. Jesus often said that he did not come to be served but to serve. This is what the A-Men of Service group is all about...helping and serving others in need.

VBS at St. James UMC

To help people manage their busy schedules, St. James will host a weekend VBS. We'll start at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 17 with pizza for dinner followed by Day 1 activities until 7:30 pm. Come back again on Saturday, July 18 from 9 am to 3 pm for more fun. Registration forms are in the church office or visit our online registration webpage for participants and volunteers: <https://stjamesumcmerrimacknh.mycokesburyvbs.com/>. There is also a link to the registration webpage under events on the St. James website www.stjames-umchurch.org

Nashua Community Music School Summer Programs

Nashua Community Music School located at 2 Lock Street in Nashua is offering summer music camps. Half day from 9am to 12:30 pm for ages 4-7, full day from 9am to 3 pm for ages 8-12 and evenings from 6:30 to 9 pm for ages 12-18. Scholarships are available. Pick up a camp program from the church office or visit www.nashuacms.org.

Eco-Adventure for Kids at Rolling Ridge

August 11-August 13, 2026 at Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, 660 Great Pond Rd, North Andover, MA. Visit the programs and events page at www.Rollingridge.org to register and for scholarship information.

The Little Kids Eco-Adventure program welcomes children along with their caregivers. We'll use nature to learn about God while we play, sing songs, and explore! Siblings under 3 years of age may attend for free as tagalongs. They are welcome to play along with the group, but content will be geared for ages 3-6.

Little Kids: Ages 3-6 with caregiver, 10:30am-12pm

All 3 Days: First Child: \$90, Each Add'l Sibling: \$68

Single Day: First Child: \$30, Each Add'l Sibling: \$23

The Big Kids Eco-Adventure program welcomes children ages 7-10 to explore nature, play, and do experiments, while learning ways we can find God in the natural world. Although this is a drop-off program, parents are welcome to stay and observe. A limited number of parent volunteer spots are available for adults who agree to stay and assist with the class. Parent volunteers will be refunded \$15 for each day they assist.

Big Kids: Ages 7-10, drop off class, 1:00-3:00pm

All 3 Days: First Child: \$120, Each Add'l Sibling: \$90

Single Day: First Child: \$40, Each Add'l Sibling: \$30

Upcoming Events at Wanakee

Register for 2026 Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the 2026 summer season. Feel free to take a program guide from the church office or visit www.wanakee.org.

Wanakee Wilderness 5K

Join us for the Wanakee Wilderness 5K on Saturday, August 15th, 2026. The race starts at 9:00 AM and takes runners through Wanakee's scenic wooded trails for a challenging and memorable course. Learn more on <https://wanakeewilderness5k.com/>.

Homecoming BBQ & 65th Anniversary Celebration

Stay after the race for our Homecoming BBQ and 65th Anniversary Celebration, beginning at 11:00 AM on August 15. Enjoy a chicken barbecue, camp activities, and a special day of celebration with the Wanakee community.

Fall Fun Day - Learn to Make Apple Butter!

Save the date for Saturday, September 26, 2026 for Fall Fun Day at Wanakee. Bring the whole family to this FREE event! We'll be making apple butter and enjoying a festive fall day