

St. James United Methodist Church

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“WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME,



AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES THE ONE
WHO SENT ME.”

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Hyuk Seonwoo and All the People!
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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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 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

Robin House

OPENING PRAYER

Together

God, teach us to welcome Your beloved as You have welcomed us. Fill us with caring hearts, that our welcome may reflect Your love. Amen!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (UMH 92, verses 1, 5, and 6)

Together

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore liveth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: "Thank You, God," Breathe out: "For Your welcome."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (TFWS 2223)

Together

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the DuLongs in honor
Michele DuLong's birthday.*

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday July 5.

Ushers: Betty Ann Dudziak and Peggy Hodkinson

Greeters: Doug and Linda Wilson

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Need a volunteer to take Carole Vandermark's place

Refreshments: Belch Family.

Counters: Debbe Walter, Kim Dinsmore, Donna Wallace

Announcements – June 28, 2026

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.

Monthly Breakfast

The St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) would love to have you join them for breakfast at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 4 at Mary Ann’s Diner, 1 Craftsman Lane, Amherst. RSVP to George Fisher at fishergf@comcast.net so he knows how many people to expect.

No July Church Work Day

Trustees will take a break from the heat. We will not have a work day in July.

Summer Committee Meeting Schedule

Finance Committee and Church Council will not meet in July. The next Finance Committee meeting will be on August 4 and the next Church Council meeting will be on August 11.

Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 pm at the home of Roger and Denise Green, 94 Front St. Merrimack. Rain date July 18.

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.

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

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 three hour drop-off program (1:00-3:00 pm), 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 together at camp.