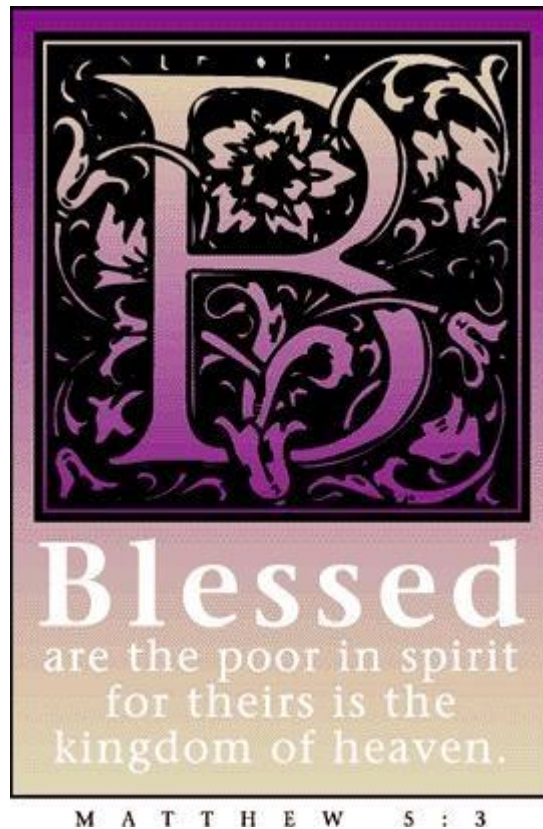


St. James United Methodist Church

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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.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. Today we sing to you, for you are alive, you have saved us, and you have made us free. Amen!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken" (UMH 145)

Together

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "I come empty," Breathe out: "Fill me with Your Kin-dom."

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:3

Rev. Gary Ponder Williams

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Doorway to God's Kin-dom”

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"In the Garden" (UMH 314)

Together

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with him
Though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

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!**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

COMMUNION LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: (continue prayer)

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: (continue prayer)

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: (continue prayer)

All: 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.

Leader: (continue prayer)

As we receive the bread and grape juice, all are invited to sing TFWS 2272, repeating the refrain as needed.

“Holy Ground” TFWS 2272

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Worship Resource: United Methodist Book of Worship

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (TFWS 2241)

Together

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Dick and Donna Wallace
in memory of their parents.*

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday July 12.

Ushers: Betty Ann Dudziak and Peggy Hodkinson

Greeters: Joyce Hawkins and Linda Dolley

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Need a volunteer

Refreshments: Joyce Hawkins.

Counters: Joe Marrone, Gary Ponder Williams, Dick Wallace

Announcements – July 5, 2026

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Let's meet in the parlor after church today to finalize our VBS plans.

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.

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.

Paul Lovejoy Celebration of Life

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Paul Lovejoy, beloved husband of Rev. Sharon Lovejoy, St. James UMC's former pastor, on Saturday, July 11 from 1-3 pm at Brunswick UMC, 320 Church Rd., Brunswick, ME

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.mycokeburyvbs.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.