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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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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

Gracious God, teach us that true strength is found in humility, gentleness, and trust in you. Help us follow Jesus with humble hearts and courageous faith. 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: "Humble my heart, Lord." Breathe out: "Strengthen my spirit."

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 5:5 NRSVUE

Robin House

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Meekness: True Strength"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You" (UMH 130)

Together

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain

**God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

Refrain

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

Refrain

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, wary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

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

"The Summons" (TFWS 2130)

Together

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Fallu family in
memory of Barbara Weldon.*

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday July 26.

Ushers: Paule Ralph and Peggy Hodkinson

Greeters: Robin and David House

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Evan Carlson

Refreshments: Robin House

Counters: Linda Wilson, Jessica Belch, Denise Green, Amy Shields



Announcements – July 19, 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.

Upcoming Events at Wanakee

Register for 2026 Summer Camp

Space is still available 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

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