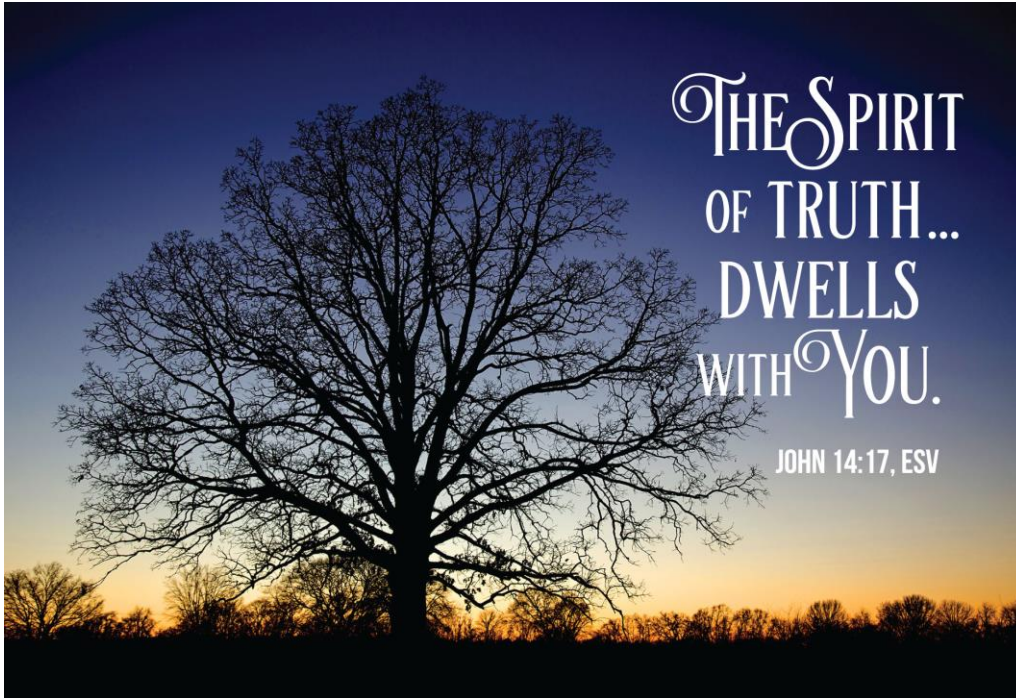


# St. James United Methodist Church

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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](http://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 of Easter  
May 10, 2026



**ENTRANCE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Choir

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

Joyce Hawkins

OPENING PRAYER

Together

**Mothering God, open our hearts in worship, that we may rest in Your nurturing care and shine  
Your love into the world through Your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (UMH 133)

Together

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain**

BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: Breathe in: "Spirit of Truth," Breathe out: "dwell in me."

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

ANTHEM

Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

Joyce Hawkins

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Mutual Indwelling"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

\*HYMN

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (TFWS 2050)

Together

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,

Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,

So that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

\* 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

"Trust and Obey" (UMH 467)

Together

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil he doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

\*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Jim and Debbe Walter in memory of Dave Johnsen.*

## Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday May 17.

Ushers: Doug and Linda Wilson

Greeters: David and Robin House

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Pastor Hyuk

Refreshments: Joyce Hawkins

Counters: Joe Marrone, Gary Ponder Williams, Dick Wallace

## Announcements – May 10, 2026

**Pastor Vacation** Pastor Hyuk will be away May 11-15.

### Harvest Fair Silent Auction

We are getting an early start on the Silent Auction for the Harvest Fair. Beginning in May, we will have a sign-up sheet after church for items that we are looking for. If everyone in the congregation is able to donate at least one item, we will be well on our way to our goal of 100 items. Thanks for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Fallu ([fallu@comcast.net](mailto:fallu@comcast.net)) or Brenda DuLong ([bsdulong@gmail.com](mailto:bsdulong@gmail.com)).

### Stuff a Bus Food Drive

Support the St. James Community Food Pantry. On Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 to 2:00, donate to the Stuff a Bus Food Drive. The bus will be parked near the Merrimack Post Office on DW Highway. Donate non-perishable, non-expired food items, paper products, personal care, and cleaning products. Thanks in advance for helping us to fill our shelves!

### Wanakee Spring Work Day

Saturday, May 16th (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Help get camp ready for summer! Whether you love building, painting, clearing trails, or simply lending a hand, there's a job for every skill level. Lunch and snacks are provided — please RSVP <https://www.wanakee.org/event-registration>.

### Bishop's Regional Meeting

Bishop Thomas Bickerton will hold the Green Mountain and Granite Districts regional meeting on Saturday, May 16 at Lebanon UMC, 18 School Street, Lebanon, NH from 10 am to noon with lunch following the meeting. Register at <https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/BishopRegionalMeetings2026>.

### St. Paul's UMC Afternoon Tea

The Ladies of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 335 Smyth Rd. Manchester NH have invited the ladies of St. James for a charming afternoon of tea, treats and delightful conversations from 2-4 pm on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Tea experience fee is \$15 per person. Kindly RSVP by May 8 by calling St. Paul's church office 603-674-7322.

### Join Us for Brunch Worship May 31

Our next 5th Sunday of the Month Brunch Worship will be on May 31. The worship service will take place in Fellowship Hall when we will share a meal while we worship. Check the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up to bring a dish to share.

## **Brooke's Purses Assembly Event**

We have many purses ready to be filled and distributed to area shelters. Please join us downstairs in the food pantry to fill the purses on Sunday, June 7 after church. We also need volunteers on Saturday June 6 at 9:30 am to set up and drivers to deliver the purses to shelters and agencies in Manchester and Nashua. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you can help deliver the purses. See Betty Ann Dudziak if you have any questions.

**Merrimack Community Food Pantry News:** The pantry continues to serve approximately 60 families each week, helping more than 150 different families each month. We are grateful for the current volunteers and many food donations that we have received this winter, but now we are in desperate need of more volunteers for Mondays and Thursdays. Each week, volunteers pick up food from Shaws (Merrimack), Hannaford (Bedford), and the NH Food Bank (Manchester). Once a month, the volunteers pick up food from The Emergency Food Assistance Program in Manchester. If you can help with any of these pick-ups, please contact Cheryl Barb ([cherab@comcast.net](mailto:cherab@comcast.net)) or Lesley Fallu ([fallu@comcast.net](mailto:fallu@comcast.net)). Thank you!

## **It's Time to Register for VBS**

At Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, kids will become challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

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](http://www.stjames-umchurch.org)

## **Register for 2026 Summer Camp at Wanakee.**

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