

St. James United Methodist Church

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Pentecost *Sunday*

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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.

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The announcements are at the end of the bulletin.

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 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

Worship Leader

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Loving God, as we worship in your presence, awaken in us the gifts of your Spirit to share your love near and far. Guide us gently to use these gifts as we listen for your truth revealed in Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Spirit Song" (UMH 347)

Together

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Refrain

BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: "Spirit of Love..." 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

Acts 2:1-13, NRSVUE

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Spirit Unbound"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

FAREWELL TO CHURCH MEMBER BOB HURLE

*HYMN

"Spirit of God" (TFWS 2117, vv. 2,4,5)

Together

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
Blow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
Healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
You hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
The power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,
The life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (UMH 577)

Together

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
 Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

*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 Aunts and Uncles.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday May 31.

Ushers: Doug and Linda Wilson

Greeters: Doug and Linda Wilson

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Ryan Carlson

Refreshments: Potluck brunch – Sign up on bulletin board next to church office.

Counters: Linda Wilson, Jessica Belch, Denise Green

Announcements – May 24, 2026

Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Nick and Caitlyn Aierle! Their daughter Maelyn Rose was born at 2:08 AM on Tuesday May 19th. Weight at 6 pounds 2 ounces and 18.5 inches long. Mother and baby are doing great.

Harvest Fair Silent Auction

We are getting an early start on the Silent Auction for the Harvest Fair. During the month of 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) or Brenda DuLong (bsdulong@gmail.com).

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.

Church Work Day

Saturday, June 6 from 9:30 am to noon.

Monthly Breakfast

The St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) would love to have you join them for breakfast at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 6 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.

Last day of Sunday School June 7

The last day of Sunday school will be Sunday, June 7. We'll be back for more fun and learning after Labor Day.

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.

Worship Webinar

The NEAC Board of Discipleship invites you to a Conversation with Daniel Benedict: *"The Basic Pattern of United Methodist Worship – Our Legacy and Invitational Future,"* exploring the history, meaning, and future of *The Basic Pattern of Worship*. This conversation is ideal for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of United Methodist worship.

When: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Where: Online via Zoom. Virtual Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98448324219>

Merrimack Community Food Pantry News: The pantry is 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) or Lesley Fallu (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.mycokeburyvbs.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.

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 or visit www.wanakee.org.