

# St. James United Methodist Church

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**For God  
so loved  
the world.**

JOHN 3:16



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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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 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

George Fisher

OPENING PRAYER

Together

**God of life and light, as we worship together, shape the way we live today with the love You have shown to the world. Renew us so that Your grace flows into every ordinary moment. Amen!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (UMH 140)

Together

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Refrain**

BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: "I am beloved." Breathe out: "Guide us to love."

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 3:1-8, 16, NRSVUE      George Fisher  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      “Spiritual Rebirth”      Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

\*HYMN      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (UMH 420)      Together

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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.



## 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

"Blessed Assurance" (UMH 369)

Together

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### **Refrain**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

#### **Refrain**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

#### **Refrain**

### \*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Denise and Roger Green in honor of their anniversary.*

### **Who is helping in worship next week?**

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday June 28.

Ushers: Chris Kiss and Joyce Hawkins  
Greeters: Joe and Carol Marrone  
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Robin House  
Refreshments: Younglang Seonwoo.  
Counters: Linda Wilson, Jessica Belch, Denise Green

## **Announcements – June 21, 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.

### **Tai Chi Class Changes**

On June 27, Tai Chi class will take place in the parlor while Fellowship Hall is being rented for a private party.

### **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](http://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](http://www.nashuacms.org).

### **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](mailto: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.

## **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](http://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**

### **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.