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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.

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God
In honor of Jen Savoy.*



May 23, 2021

GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

GATHERING MUSIC	Amy Marrello
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jen Savoy
GREETING OF PEACE	
INTROIT	Amy Marrello

PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

CALL TO WORSHIP	Ryan Carlson
L: They were all gathered together in a closed room.	
P: They were afraid and confused.	
L: Suddenly a sound like wind filled the room.	
P: What was happening? How was this happening?	
L: Tongues of fire rested on each head.	
All: They began to speak in their native language and were filled with the Holy Spirit.	

HYMN	"My Hope Is Built" No. 368	Amy Marrello
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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

**On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:30-35b

Ryan Carlson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-21

Jen Savoy

SERMON

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God" No. 393

Amy Marrello

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.

SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

INVITATION TO GENEROUS GIVING AND LIVING

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Amy Marrello

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from discipleship.org)*

Living God, you are the Lord of all! Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and in times of joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world to fulfill your promises. May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Acts 2:1-21)

GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN	“Surely the Presence of the Lord” No. 328	Amy Marrello
	Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.	
BLESSING		Jen Savoy
POSTLUDE		Amy Marrello
CLOSING HYMN	“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” No. 2241	Sung Outside

This Week’s Events at St. James – May 23, 2021		
Today, Sunday 5/23	9:15 am	Outdoor children’s message and hymn sing
	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, 5/25	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	Trustees meeting
Wednesday, 5/26	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Saturday, 5/29	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
Next Sunday, 5/30	9:15 am	Outdoor children’s message and hymn sing
	9:30 am	Worship

Announcements–May 23, 2021



COVID-19 Updates

At every monthly meeting, the St. James Church Council has been revisiting our COVID-19 safety precautions. At the May 11 meeting, church council voted on a few items that affect our Sunday worship services.

- Starting next Sunday, we will resume coffee fellowship after church with refreshments in the courtyard. If it rains, we will gather in the fellowship hall.
- Church goers can use both front and side door entrances to the sanctuary.
- Seating is still directed by the ushers. Spacing has changed to 3ft between non-related persons.
- We are not ready to start singing in the sanctuary, so we will continue to have the hymn sing outside before worship services and closing hymn outside, weather permitting.
- Please continue to wear face masks.

Finance and Food Pantry News

The Finance Committee has been working to streamline accounts and processes. In March, we met with Donna Johnson to discuss the best way to handle food pantry donations. We decided that, as of **June 1**, donations to the food pantry will no longer go through the St. James bank account. This will make it much easier for Donna to track food pantry donations. It will also provide a faster way for the donations to get to the food pantry. **Checks should be made out directly to Merrimack Community Food Pantry.** When we receive these checks at the church office, they will go directly to the food pantry mailbox. The money will be deposited directly into the food pantry account. Thank you for your continued support of the Merrimack Community Food Pantry.

More Pocket Prayers Needed

Our Pocket Prayer quilt squares have been in high demand at the local hospitals and they are running low. If you have been sewing pocket prayers, please bring them to the church so Cheryl Barb can deliver them to the hospitals.

Brigid's House of Hope

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Brigid's House of Hope Kitchen Drive. If you didn't have a chance to donate kitchen items, they are also looking for handmade full/queen quilts or knit or crocheted afghans. Contact Chris Kiss at 424-1782 if you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause.