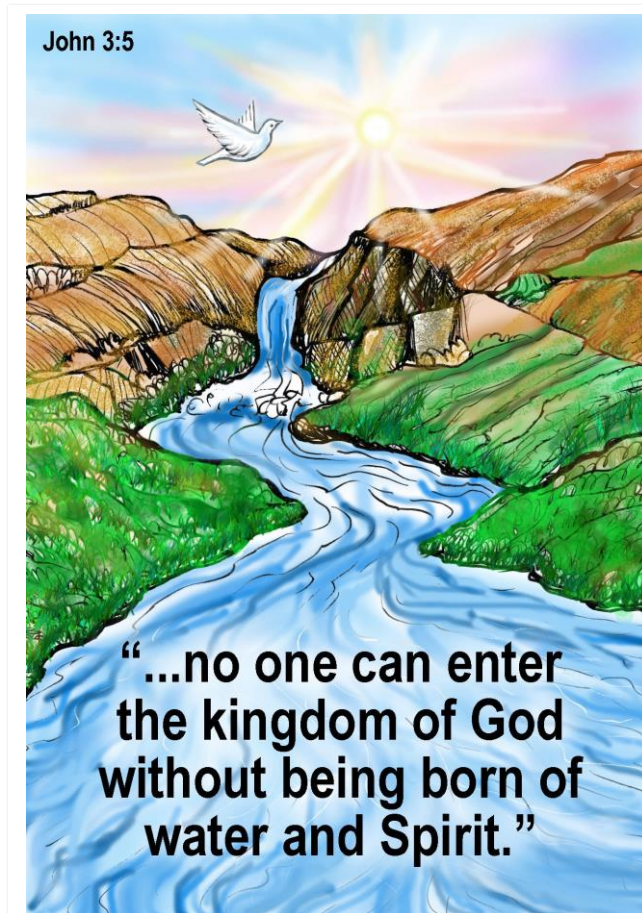


# St. James United Methodist Church

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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.

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God  
by Brenda and John DuLong in honor of their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.*

# Peace with Justice Sunday May 30, 2021



## GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

GATHERING MUSIC		Amy Marrello
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Lynne Mentzer
GREETING OF PEACE		
INTROIT	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139	Amy Marrello

## PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

CALL TO WORSHIP		Donna Wallace
L: O God, your Spirit once filled the upper room...		
<b>P: And since has filled the hearts of your people.</b>		
L: Let your Spirit fill this place and our hearts today...		
<b>P: That our worship and life together will honor you, O God:</b>		
L: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!		
HYMN	"Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 64 (vs. 1, 4)	Amy Marrello

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
READING FROM THE GOSPEL	John 3:1-9	Donna Wallace
READING FROM THE GOSPEL	John 3:10-12, 16-17	Rev. Lynne Mentzer
SERMON		

HYMN            "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" No. 2171 (vs. 1, 2)            Amy Marrello

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

### **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 CONFESSION AND DEDICATION

**Triune God, Holy One, you are a mystery to us but your desire for us to be faithful and generous is clear. Forgive the fears that hold us back and set us free to be all that you created us to be, as your children and as your church. Bless the gifts we bring this day, and guide us to use them to fulfill your good purposes. We ask all this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN

“Go Forth for God” No. 670 (vs. 1,4)

Amy Marrello

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
In God’s good Spirit, daily to increase,  
Till in the kingdom we see face to face.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
To serve God’s people every day and hour,  
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.

BLESSING

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

POSTLUDE

Amy Marrello

CLOSING HYMN “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” No. 2145

Sung Outside

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

This Week’s Events at St. James – May 30, 2021		
Today, Sunday 5/30	9:15 am	Outdoor children’s message and hymn sing
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday, 5/31	Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day	
Tuesday, 6/1	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, 6/2	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Saturday, 6/5	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast at Joey’s Diner
Next Sunday, 6/6	9:15 am	Outdoor children’s message and hymn sing
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

# Announcements–May 30, 2021



## **Clothes Closet Now Open on Tuesdays**

Beginning this Tuesday, June 1, the Clothes Closet will be open on Tuesday mornings from 9am to noon. This will make it more convenient for food pantry patrons to visit the clothes closet while they are here.

## **After-Church Fellowship is Back!**

We have resumed coffee fellowship after church with refreshments in the courtyard. If it rains, we will gather in the fellowship hall.

## **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. Also, the link for food pantry e-giving will no longer be active. Thank you for your continued support of the Merrimack Community Food Pantry.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) invite all men to join them for breakfast on Saturday, June 5 at 8 am at Joey's Diner, 1 Craftsman Lane in Amherst

## **Church Work Day**

Thank you to everyone who came to our work day on May 8. We got a lot accomplished, but there's always more work to be done. Our trustees would like to have another work day on **Saturday, June 12 from 8 am to noon.** Bring work gloves and rakes.

## **Summer Hours for Church Office**

The church office will be open on Tuesday through Thursday from 8 am to 2 pm for the months of June, July, and August (Memorial Day through Labor Day).

## **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.



# Vacation Bible School 2021

Friday, August 13                      6:00 to 8:30 pm

Saturday, August 14                    9 am to 3 pm

## **Help Needed - Engineer Joy as a VBS Volunteer!**

**Sing & Play Express:** Music is on a DVD. Help the kids learn the songs.

**Imagination Station:** Demonstrate “sciency fun gizmos.” Help kids connect the fun experiments to Bible truths.

**Chew Chew Snacks:** Prepare snacks for the kids.

**Loco Motion Games:** Lead fun outdoor games.

**Bible Adventures:** Lead children through interactive learning activities that make the Bible stories come alive in sessions of Bible Adventures each day.

**Skit Actors:** Two people will act out skits at the beginning of each day as an introduction to the bible point of the day. This is a fun job for our teens. Skit actors can also serve as crew leaders.

**Crew Leaders:** Crew leaders guide the kids from one station to another and also help them complete any tasks they are having trouble with and help the station leaders hand out supplies.

**Decorating Team:** This year’s theme is Rocky Railway: Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through. RR themed décor is needed. Think tunnels, railway station, train cars, etc.

Visit our online registration webpage for volunteers and participants: [www.vbspro.events/p/9a8228](http://www.vbspro.events/p/9a8228) or contact the church office. There is also a link to the registration webpage on the St. James website [www.stjames-umchurch.org](http://www.stjames-umchurch.org).