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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
by Dave Jenkins in memory of Barbara Jenkins.*



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC Amy Marrello
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lynne Mentzer
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
INTROIT "I Love You, Lord" No. 2068 Amy Marrello
CALL TO WORSHIP Brenda DuLong
L: Come, let us worship God, our heavenly Parent.
P: The One who creates in love and for love.
L: Come, let us worship God, our spiritual Brother.
P: The One who creates in love and for love.
L: Come, let us worship God, our sustaining Spirit.
P: The One who creates in love and for love.
L: O God – Parent, brother, Spirit --
P: Let our worship this day be pleasing to you! Amen.
HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" No. 334 Amy Marrello

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Lynne Mentzer

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 100

Brenda DuLong

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 10:44-48

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

SERMON

HYMN "For the Healing of the Nations" No. 428 (vs. 1, 4)

Amy Marrello

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on human-kind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find.

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

O God, as we bring these gifts and tithes this day, we ask your blessing upon them. Guide their use for your good purposes. Bless those whose lives will benefit from them. And keep us humble and generous, compassionate and grateful, for we seek to live as Jesus lived and not for ourselves alone. In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.

Announcements–May 9, 2021



ZOOM In for Virtual Coffee Hour Wednesday Mornings

At 10:30 AM each Wednesday morning, 16-20 church friends turn on their laptop computers and ZOOM in for our weekly virtual coffee hour. Invitations are e-mailed out to the entire church family no later than Tuesday afternoon – just click and join in on Wednesday morning. Won't you join us? If you haven't received your invitation by e-mail, please contact the church office. Hope to see you Wednesday!

"Deep and Wide" Conference Resource Day with Leonard Sweet

May 22, 2021 from 10 am - 12 pm. We will travel together simultaneously deep (local) and wide (global) in looking at the importance of four key metaphors for the future:

1. Do Little Large: Small is All. The Particular is of Universal Significance. Can you taste your church's terroir?
2. Sozo Jesus (Sozo means "save" or "heal").
3. Mandorla Sweet Spot (Jesus always comes in surround sound). Can you hear the double ring?
4. Deep Breathing exercises (Holy Spirit Breathings and Breathology)

Clergy and Laity are encouraged to join in this online session. Visit www.neumc.org for details and to register.

Special Celebration for Jen Savoy

After years of hard work, Jen will receive her Master of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology on May 15 and is awaiting her first appointment to serve as pastor of a church in the New England Conference. Jen will lead our worship service on Sunday, May 23 and we will have outdoor fellowship time in the courtyard after the service.

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 Kitchen Drive

Brigid's House of Hope is New Hampshire's first safe house for victims of human trafficking. Hannah Essa, Program Manager at Bridgid's House of Hope is organizing a kitchen drive to outfit the kitchens at the shelter with necessary supplies. The St. James Outreach Team would like to contribute by providing enough items for one of the kitchens. Outreach Team leader Chris Kiss will keep track of which items are donated to ensure that we check off all of the items on the list without duplicates. Please call Chris at 424-1782 if you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Kitchen Supplies List

Pots & pans: 2 saucepans(small/large)
 1-2 large stock pots
 2 saute pans (small/large)
 tea kettle

Kitchen utensils: spatulas
 cooking spoons
 ladle
 slotted spoon
 whisk
 tongs
 utensil holder

Kitchen tools: can opener
 vegetable peeler
 grater
 food thermometer
 kitchen shears

Small appliances: mixer
 food processor
 coffee maker
 blender
 toaster/toaster oven

Mixing bowls, various sizes

Measuring cup set

Measuring spoon set

Colander/strainer

Cutting board set

Set of cooking knives

Food storage container set

Baking trays

Baking dishes – 9x13 and 8x8

Oven mitts/ pot holders

Sponges & dish soap

Kitchen towels

Dinnerware set (dinner plates, small plates, bowls – service for 4-6)

Flatware (service for 4-6)

Set of cups (service for 4-6)