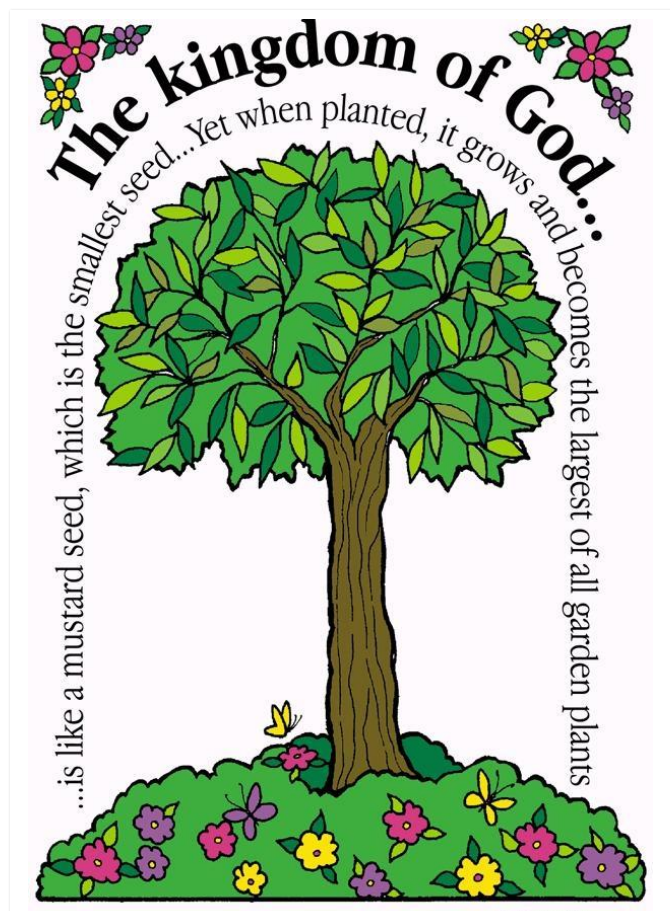


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Welcome to on-line worship from St. James United Methodist Church!

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 Jan Souza in memory of her husband Bill Souza.*

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021



GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

GATHERING MUSIC

Katie Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

GREETING OF PEACE

INTROIT

“Loving Spirit” No. 2123

Katie Rogers

PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Barb

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer's field:

P: Prepared and planted with good seed.

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed:

P: Present and powerful, yet easily overlooked.

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like Jesus' parables:

P: Friends, let those with ears, hear; and with eyes, see. Amen

HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 92 (vs. 1, 2, 6)

Katie Rogers
and Darlene Skene

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 111

Cheryl Barb

***Response:* Great are the works of the Lord, which abound to the ends of the earth.**

Praise the Lord.

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures forever,**

Who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Lord provides food for the faithful and is ever mindful of his covenant.

***Response:* Great are the works of the Lord, which abound to the ends of the earth.**

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them their heritage of the nations.

**The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

The Lord sent redemption to his people and has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and wondrous is God's name!

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
All those who practice it have a good understanding.**

The praise of the Lord endures forever.

***Response:* Great are the works of the Lord, which abound to the ends of the earth.**

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

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SERMON

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HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 189 (vs. 1,2,4) Katie Rogers and Darlene Skene
Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

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

Katie Rogers

**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

Gracious God, we come to you seeking to grow by your grace and in your likeness, yet we fear what we can't control ourselves. Help us to grow into our calling as your servants, and to trust your guidance in all things. We acknowledge that the gifts and tithes we bring this day are already yours; therefore, we ask your blessing on the many ways we use them to serve your good purposes and our neighbors in your holy name. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN “Marching to Zion” No. 733 (vs. 1,4) Katie Rogers and Darlene Skene

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground, we’re marching through
Emmanuel’s ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

BLESSING

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

POSTLUDE

Katie Rogers

CLOSING HYMN “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” No. 2129

Sung Outside

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus – no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me - no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow – no turning back, no turning back.

Today’s Scripture Readings: Psalm 111, Mark 4:26-34. Noteworthy:

Announcements–June 13, 2021



Celebrating the Life of Barbara Jenkins

There will be a Celebration of Life for Barbara Jenkins on Saturday, June 26 at 11 am in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in fellowship hall. In order to plan for seating and food, there are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please add you name to the list or contact the church office if you plan to attend. If you have any questions about refreshments call Lesley Fallu at (603)497-4060 or email fallu@comcast.net.

Need a Hand Around the House?

Youth from Our Lady of Mercy Church are participating in workcampNE on August 1-6. workcampNE is a non-profit organization that has been repairing homes in the Northeast for over 30 years at no cost to the homeowner. They do interior and exterior painting, deck, porch and ramp repair/painting/staining, power washing, light carpentry, landscaping, drywall, and self-adhesive tile flooring. They do not do window and door replacement, electrical, plumbing, and yard work. To sign up, go to the Our Lady of Mercy website www.olmnh.org and click on *resident project sign-up* under the OLM Work Camp heading.

Expectations:

- The home is the primary residence and owned by the applicant.
- Keep a crew of 5 students and 1 adult busy for 4 ½ days.
- Allow the crew the use of the bathroom.
- Meet the assessment team and have your wish list and questions for them; a workcampNE representative will call to setup an appointment.
- Make a wish list of all the work you would like to get done, large and small. The team will let you know what can/cannot be accomplished. The longer the list the better!
- If the primary work is outdoors, have a list of indoor work for a rainy day.
- Have someone greet the crew on the morning of their arrival (8:30 am).

This Week's Events at St. James – June 13, 2021		
Today, Sunday 6/13	9:15 am	Outdoor children's message and hymn sing
	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, 6/15	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	SPRC meeting
Wednesday, 6/16	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Next Sunday, 6/20	9:15 am	Outdoor children's message and hymn sing
	9:30 am	Worship



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!

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 or contact the church office. There is also a link to the registration webpage on the St. James website www.stjames-umchurch.org.