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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 the Fallu family in memory of Roy Weldon.*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021



GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

GATHERING MUSIC		Katie Rogers
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Lynne Mentzer
GREETING OF PEACE		
INTROIT	"Sanctuary" No. 2164	Katie Rogers

PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

CALL TO WORSHIP		Nancy Burt
L: Brothers and sisters, our masks are off and we are free to sing once again!		
P: Let us sing praises to God, for our time of isolation and fear is over.		
L: Siblings in Christ, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the gift of community!		
P: Let us sing praises to God for extending our family beyond the walls of the church.		
L: Beloved ones, the Holy Spirit is beckoning us into a new normal!		
P: Let us sing praises to God, for we are ready to follow and serve the Lord.		
Amen!		

HYMN	"This Is My Father's World" No. 144	Katie Rogers
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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Jesus Loves Me" (for all ages)

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

(Chorus) *Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me this I know, as the years pass and I grow.
Kids and work, the time just flies ...Soon I'm middle-aged – oh my!

(Chorus)

Jesus loves me this I know, though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim, still He bids me trust in Him.

(Chorus)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say that I love Him every day.

(Chorus)

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 150 Nancy Burt
HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139 (vs. 1,3,5) Katie Rogers

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Philippians 4:4-7 Rev. Lynne Mentzer

HYMN

“Standing on the Promises” No. 374 (vs. 1,2)

Katie Rogers

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior,
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

MESSAGE

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

HYMN

“We Sing to You, O God ” No. 2001

Katie Rogers

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
Let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
You shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us though the world, an eagle to her young,
Who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
The everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung – No. 271)

Katie Rogers

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed a be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed a be thy name.
Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed a be thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed a be thy name.
And forgive all our debts, hallowed a be thy name.
As we forgive our debtors, hallowed a be thy name.
Lead us not into temptation, hallowed a be thy name.
But deliver us from evil, hallowed a be thy name.
Thine is the kingdom, power and glory, hallowed a be thy name.
Forever and ever, hallowed a be thy name.
Amen, amen, amen, hallowed a be thy name.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed a be thy name.

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 DEDICATION

Gracious God, today we are especially grateful for the joy of worship, for the comfort of community, for the blessings of hope and healing, and for your invitation to share these blessings with those around us in your holy name. Bless the gifts we bring this day and guide us in their use, we pray. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Amen.

GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN

“It is Well With My Soul” No. 377

Katie Rogers

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a
scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.



Announcements—June 13, 2021

COVID Restrictions Have Been Lifted

Effective immediately, the St. James Church Council has voted to lift all restrictions that had been put in place as a result of COVID-19. We will not require parishioners to wear masks, and we have resumed singing during worship services. We will go back to our old seating arrangements, and enjoy conversation and refreshments after church in the fellowship hall. We are also welcoming outside groups to rent/use our building. Please note: masks are recommended for those people who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19.

Refreshments Sign up for Coffee Fellowship

We need volunteers to make coffee and provide refreshments for fellowship time after Sunday worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the office hallway.

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 your 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, power washing, light carpentry, landscaping, drywall, and flooring and more. 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.

This Week's Events at St. James – June 20, 2021		
Today, Sunday 6/20	9:15 am	Outdoor children's message
	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, 6/22	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	Trustees meeting
Wednesday, 6/23	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Saturday, 6/26	11:00 am	Barbara Jenkins Celebration of Life
Next Sunday, 6/20	9:15 am	Outdoor children's message
	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.