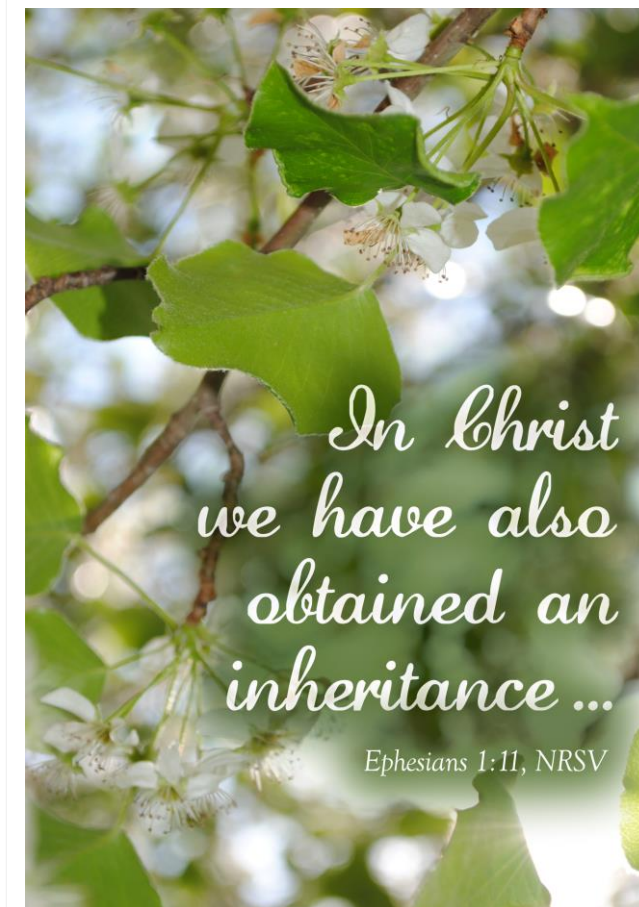


# St. James United Methodist Church

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*W*elcome 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 Dave Jenkins in memory of Barbara Jenkins.*

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 11, 2021



**GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES**

GATHERING MUSIC	Katie Rogers
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kelly Petravicz
GREETING OF PEACE	
INTROIT	Katie Rogers

**PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US**

CALL TO WORSHIP	Susan Cooke
L: We sit down to write out the longitude and latitude of your grace.	
<b>P: To only keep running out of paper.</b>	
L: We drop our regrets and transgressions like stones into the sea.	
<b>P: To discover there is no end to your forgiveness.</b>	
L: We push and pull, and fight to lead ourselves on a self-made path.	
<b>P: To still find we are at a path that leads to you.</b>	
L: Let us come to you without limitation.	
<b>P: In each step we take. Amen</b>	

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
READING FROM THE PSALMS	Psalm 85:8-13	Kelly Petravicz
READING FROM THE EPISTLES	Ephesians 1:3-14	Susan Cooke
READING FROM THE GOSPELS	Mark 6:14-29	Kelly Petravicz
SERMON		
HYMN	"He Who Began a Good Work in You" TFWS No. 2163	Katie Rogers

He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you-  
Will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.  
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

## **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. 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

UMH No. 95

**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

**Holy One, gather us together into the quietness and let our thoughts be freed. We know our identity as children of God but confess that we do not always honor our inheritance. We are easily distracted from your call upon our hearts. Let us not forget the abundance of your grace and the forgiveness which is offered. Let our acceptance be the hope that guides us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

HYMN

“Be Still My Soul” No. 534

Katie Rogers

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
The Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BLESSING

Kelly Petravicz

POSTLUDE

Katie Rogers

# Announcements–July 11, 2021



## July Committee Meetings

Church Council and SPRC are taking a break from their monthly meetings during July.

## 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.

## Going on Vacation? Be Sure to Go to Church, too!

With the number of vaccines increasing and the incidence of COVID-19 decreasing, folks are happily planning long-overdue summer vacations once again. As in previous years, this year we're asking you to bring something back from your travels – a bulletin from a church you visited while away AND at least one good idea you picked up from your host congregation. We'll share bulletins and ideas during worship starting this month. May your time away refresh your spirit and expand our sense of community with sister churches.

## Community Arts Ministry Open House

An open house for the Community Arts Ministry will take place on Sunday, July 25, from 11 AM until 1 PM. Tables will fill the Fellowship Hall with information on classes and workshops to be offered here at St. James starting in September. The Community Arts Ministry is designed to help children, youth and families grow in relationship with God through creativity and community. Classes and workshops are open to the community at large as well as families here at St. James. More information and sign-up sheets will be available at the Open House.

## 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](http://www.olmnh.org) and click on *resident project sign-up* under the OLM Work Camp heading.

## Vacation Bible School

Friday, August 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, August 14 from 9 am to 3 pm. At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover that Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. Rocky Railway is filled with incredible bible-learning experiences kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste! 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)

This Week's Events at St. James – July 11, 2021		
Today, Sunday 7/11	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, 7/13	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Wednesday, 7/14	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Next Sunday, 7/18	9:30 am	Worship

