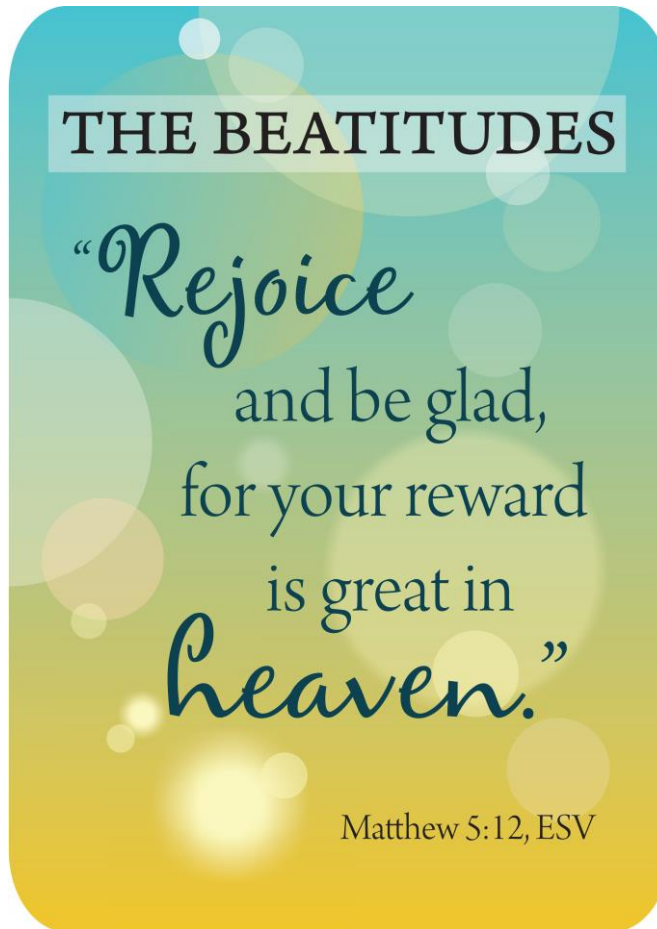


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Welcome to on-line worship from St. James United Methodist Church!

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026



ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Carol Marrone

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Loving God, steady our hearts in Your presence and fill us with joy and thanksgiving. By the Holy Spirit, lead us to magnify your holy name in this worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (UMH 140)

Together

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Christ ." Breathe out: "Peace."

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 10-12

Carol Marrone

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Lullaby for God's Children"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul (UMH 377)"

Together

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

Pray the Lord's Prayer in any version or language you feel comfortable with.

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.

OFFERING

Online worshippers can participate in the offering via PayPal by scanning the QR code below.



* DOXOLOGY

Together

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (UMH 133)

Together

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Barb family in honor of Mackenzie's birthday.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday August 30.

Ushers: Robin House and Cheryl Barb

Greeters: Robin and David House

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Joyce Hawkins

Refreshments: Fifth Sunday Brunch Worship – sign up on bulletin board

Counters: Debbe Walter, Kim Dinsmore, Donna Wallace, Dave Bagley

Announcements – August 23, 2026



Free Workshop: Cybersecurity and Avoiding Scams

Join United Way of Greater Nashua and the YMCA of Greater Nashua for a free workshop designed to help to protect your personal information and use technology more confidently. Workshop will take place at the YMCA of Greater Nashua, 24 Stadium Dr. in Nashua from 2-3 pm on Tuesday, August 25. Register on the events page of www.unitedwaynashua.org.

You'll learn how to recognize common online, email, text message, and phone scams; warning signs that a message or request may be fraudulent; best practices for protecting passwords and personal information; what to do if you think you've been targeted by a scam; where to report fraud and get help.

Join Us for Brunch Worship August 30

Our next 5th Sunday of the Month Brunch Worship will be on August 30. The worship service will take place in Fellowship Hall when we will share a meal while we worship. Check the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up to bring a dish to share.

Looking Ahead to September:

Monthly Breakfast

The St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) would love to have you join them for breakfast at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 5 at Mary Ann's Diner, 1 Craftsman Lane, Amherst. RSVP to George Fisher at fishergf@comcast.net so he knows how many people to expect.

Church Work Day

Church work days are a great way to lend a helping hand and spend time with your friends from church. Our next work day will be Saturday, September 5 from 9:30 am to noon.

Sunday School Starts September 13

The first day of Sunday school will be September 13. Since we'll be using video materials for the fall Sunday school curriculum, we'll hold Sunday school in Fellowship Hall. We'll have bible stories, crafts, music videos, and play some fun outdoor games in the courtyard!

Clothes Closet News

The St. James Clothes Closet will begin accepting donations of fall clothing after September 22.

Scarecrow Making Demonstration at St. Paul's UMC

Learn how to make scarecrows for harvest season and Halloween! Workshop to be held on Saturday, September 19 from 1-3 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 335 Smyth Road, Manchester. See flyer on bulletin board for a list of supplies needed.

Join A-Men of Service

A-Men of Service (UMM), a Granite District group of volunteer handymen, will meet here in the St. James Fellowship Hall from 8-10 am on Saturday, September 26. Light breakfast foods will be served. Any men who are interested in getting involved in this community service group are welcome to join.

Fall Fun Day at Wanakee - Learn to Make Apple Butter!

Save the date for Saturday, September 26, 2026 for Fall Fun Day at Wanakee. Bring the whole family to this FREE event! We'll be making apple butter and enjoying a festive fall day.

Save the Date for the Harvest Fair Saturday, October 17 from 9 am to 2 pm

This year's Harvest fair will include a silent auction, yard sale, baked goods and candy. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. New this year: Coffee will be available in our Sweet Shoppe located in the Parlor. Pull up a chair and enjoy some baked goods or candies with your coffee.

How you can help make this a successful fundraiser?

- Sign up to bring baked goods and candy/fudge or purchase items for the silent auction. Sign-up sheets will be available Sundays during fellowship time after Labor Day.
- Save your books and items for the yard sale. We'll start collecting them soon.
- Let Robin House know if you have pop-up tents and card tables that we can borrow.

Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk

The Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 18, 2026 beginning and ending at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. Registration is from 12 to 1pm with opening ceremonies at 1pm and stepping out at 1:30pm. Those who raise all their monies online don't need to register and can grab lunch before coming at 12:45. St. James United Methodist Church is registered as a team. We'd love to have you walk with us or support us! Here is the website link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/st-james-umc>.