

St. James United Methodist Church

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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

Robin House

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Gracious and loving God, we come to you just as we are, with our strengths and our weaknesses. As we gather around your table, remind us that your grace is sufficient and your strength sustains us in our weakness. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (UMH 64)

Together

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Grace," Breathe out: "Strength of God."

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

Together

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

2 Cor. 12:7-10

Robin House

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Finding Strength in Weakness"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (UMH 526)

Together

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

COMMUNION LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: (continue prayer)

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: (continue prayer)

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: (continue prayer)

All: 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.

Leader: (continue prayer)

As we receive the bread and grape juice, all are invited to sing “Change My Heart. O God” (TFWS 2152), repeating as needed.

“Change My Heart. O God” (TFWS 2152)

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Worship Resource: United Methodist Book of Worship

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

“Saranam, Saranam (Refuge)” (UMH 523)

Together

Refrain

**Jesus, Savior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam;
Thou the Rock, my refuge that's higher than I: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.**

In the midst of foes I cry to thee, from the ends of earth wherever I may be;
My strength in helplessness, O answer me: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

Refrain

In thy tent give me a dwelling place, and beneath thy wings may I find sheltering grace;
O lift on me the sunshine of thy face: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

Refrain

O that I my vows to thee may pay, and that by thy faithfulness to me each day
May live, and on thy love my burdens lay: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

Refrain

Yesterday, today, fore'er the same, lo, the heritage of all who bear thy name;
To ransom them from sin the Savior came: Saranam. Saranam, Saranam.

Refrain

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Lucille and George Fisher
in honor of their 55th anniversary.*

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday September 13.

Ushers: Joe and Carol Marrone

Greeters: Doug and Linda Wilson

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Donna Wallace

Refreshments: Lesley Fallu

Counters: Robin House, Joyce Hawkins, Carol Hurwitch

Announcements – September 6, 2026

9/11 Community Remembrance Ceremony

Friday, September 11th at 6:30 pm at the American Legion Post 98, 43 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack. Join the Town of Merrimack, 250th Celebrations Committee, American Legion Post 98, Merrimack VFW Post 8641 and Police & Fire Departments as we gather to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 with a Remembrance Ceremony.

Welcome Back Choir

The St. James Choir will resume their Friday evening rehearsals beginning September 11 at 7:30 pm in the parlor. We get to hear their voices sing in church on September 13.

Church Work Day

The next work day will be Saturday, September 12 from 9:30 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.

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.

Office Administrator Vacation

Robin will be out of the office from September 28 through October 8. She will be in the office on Friday, October 9 to get worship bulletins ready for the 11th.

Elaine Cushman Memorial Service

Our church family mourns the loss of Elaine Cushman who passed away on August 23. Calling hours will be held at the Rivet Funeral Home, 425 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH on Friday, October 9th from 10am - 12pm followed by a service in the chapel of the funeral home. Pastor Hyuk invites us to share memories of Elaine Cushman. Email them to the church office stjamesmrmk@gmail.com or to Pastor Hyuk cultus4u@gmail.com. We can compile them and present them to Elaine's family.

2026 Annual Church Conference

Each church meets annually as a community of God to celebrate ministries, conduct the business of the church, and to resolve to answer the call of Jesus Christ in the year ahead. The Church Conference format is one of Holy Conferencing where the business agenda is blended into worshipful work.

Our annual church conference has been scheduled for November 8 at 2 pm at Milford United Methodist Church. All St. James parishioners are invited although only church members can vote. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. David Palmer requests that reports from the Pastor, SPRC Chair, Finance Chair, Trustees Chair, Lay Servants, UMM President, and Treasurer be submitted to the conference online portal by October 16.

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 or scan the QR code:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/st-james-umc>.



Ushers needed

Ushers help our worship services run smoothly by preparing the sanctuary before worship (unlocking doors, turning on lights and fans, distributing attendance pads), recruiting an acolyte (someone, usually a youth, to light the altar candles), collecting the offering during worship, and closing everything after worship is over. If you are interested in helping in this way, please speak to Dave Jenkins.

See Robin House if you would like to serve in other ways such as a greeter or a Scripture