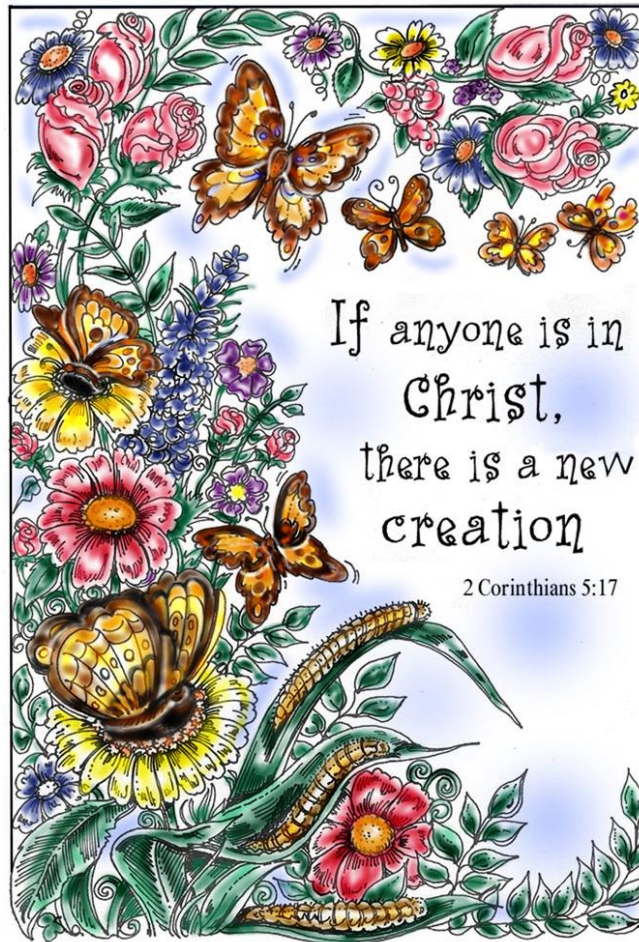


St. James United Methodist Church

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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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026



ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Choir

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

Ryan Carlson

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Gracious God, as we worship, help us make space for you and one another.

Lead us into the joy of your peace and reconciliation. In Jesus' name, the true reconciler, 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: "Let God in." Breathe out: "Let go."

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

ANTHEM

Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Ryan Carlson

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Making Space Together"

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

Together

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

* 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

"For the Healing of the Nations" (UMH 428)

Together

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace,
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan,
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind,
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Jim and Debbe Walter in memory of Gene Tinglof.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday September 27.

Ushers: Joe and Carol Marrone

Greeters: Dave and Jane Jenkins

Liturgist/Worship Leader: George Fisher

Refreshments: Dave and Jane Jenkins

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



Announcements – September 20, 2026

Clothes Closet Closed on September 22

The St. James Clothes Closet be closed on September 22 to change their inventory to fall and winter clothing. They will begin accepting donations of fall clothing after September 22.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Hyuk will be traveling to Korea for his vacation from September 24 through October 8. Guest preachers will be Rev. Wesley Palmer on September 27 and Rev. Hope Luckie on October 4.

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, and UMM President 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>.



Coffee Hour volunteers needed

We need volunteers to make coffee and provide refreshments in October, November and December. The sign up sheet is on the large green bulletin board in the hallway.

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 reader.

Harvest Fair info next page



Saturday, October 17, 2026
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 and tea will be available in our Sweet Shoppe located in the Parlor. Pull up a chair and enjoy some baked goods or candies with your beverage of choice.

Silent Auction

With the fair rapidly approaching, we are asking that you bring in all silent auction items by the end of September. Remember, auction items are baskets and gift cards, but they are also new items that you may have in your house but never used. Also, if you have any old silver-plated items such as trays, ice buckets, or casserole dishes that you no longer use, we can recycle these for money toward the fair. Please bring items to church on Sundays or to the church office during office hours T – Th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Leave your name with the items. If anything does not get sold, it will be returned or saved for the next auction. If you have questions, please email Lesley Fallu at fallu@comcast.net or Brenda DuLong at bsdulgon@gmail.com.

Yard Sale

It's time to start bringing in items for the Harvest Fair Yard Sale. Items will be stored in the green barn next to Fellowship Hall. You can bring your donations to church on Sundays starting September 13 and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, October 13, 15 and 16 from 5:30 - 7. Please – Clean, quality items only - no clothes or electronics. Talk to Linda Wilson or Debbe Walter if you have large furniture pieces. If you need to arrange a drop off during the week, email Linda Wilson at lbw04@msn.com or call/ text Linda at 603-493-9830.

Books, puzzles and board games will be separate from the yard sale. Drop off these items in the Sunday school classroom on Sundays or during office hours 8-2 Tuesday - Thursday.

Sweet Shoppe

Sign up after church during the month of September to bring baked goods and candy. Baked goods such as pies, coffee cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies and bars are always popular. Frosted layer cakes have not sold well in the past.

We could also use about 3 more volunteers to help in the Sweet Shoppe on the day of the fair. Let Carol Marrone or Joyce Hawkins know if you can help.

Card Tables and Pop Up Tents Needed

Let Robin House know if you have one that we can borrow. Please label these items with your name and bring them Thursday, October 15. Come to the office entrance if you get here before 4:30 pm. After 4:30, we can come in through the Fellowship Hall side entrance.