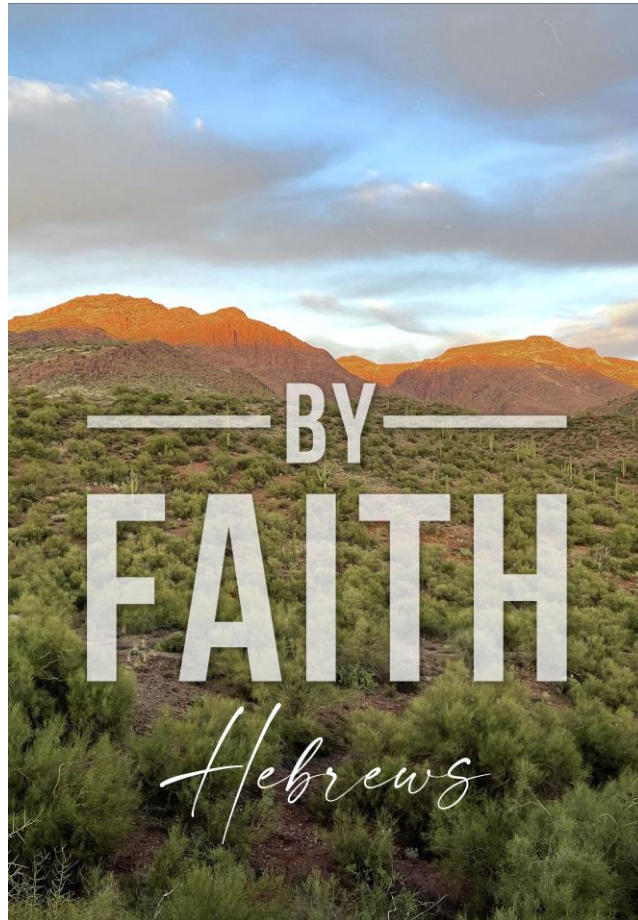


St. James United Methodist Church

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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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026



ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Choir

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Hope Luckie

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

Lesley Fallu

OPENING PRAYER

Together

God of all creation, we, your children, come together in the Spirit of hope. Hope for the fullness you have promised; that the pains of this present day are not even worth comparing to the glory you are going to reveal to us. God, we come here together to praise, to wait and to renew our strength in your love and your grace. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gather Us In" (TFWS 2236)

Together

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light-years away,

But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in – all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Love," Breathe out: "Peace."

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

ANTHEM		Choir
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SCRIPTURE READING	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 and Luke 17:5-10	Lesley Fallu
This is the Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		

SERMON	"This Far by Faith"	Rev. Dr. Hope Luckie
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*HYMN	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (UMH 452)	Together
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My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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

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

“In Unity We Lift Our Song” (TFWS 2221)

Together

In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
For brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
Who’ve shared with us our plight, who’ve held us in the night, the blessed congregation.

For stories told and told again to every generation,
To give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
When we are far from home and evil seasons come; how firm is our foundation.

For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure,
Which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,
We shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill with hope beyond all measure.

For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
When hate and fear are gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing forever.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Hope Luckie

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Nick and Caitlyn Aierle in honor of their anniversary.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday October 11.

Ushers: Debbe Walter and Younglang Seonwoo
Greeters: Nick and Caitlyn Aierle
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Caitlyn Aierle
Refreshments: Carol and Joe Marrone
Counters: Robin House, Joyce Hawkins, Carol Hurwitch

Announcements – October 4, 2026

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Hyuk will be traveling to Korea for his vacation from September 24 through October 8. Thank you to guest preacher Rev. Dr. Hope Luckie who is leading us in worship today.

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.

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.

Granite District United Women in Faith Fall Gathering

Sat, Oct 17 9am to 2 pm. Hampton United Methodist Church, 525 Lafayette Rd. Hampton, NH. Keynote speaker Aline Donabedian "Calming One's Soul Through Centering Prayer."
\$10 per person includes lunch. RSVP by October 10 email MaryJaqneAn@comcast.net or 603-568-2688. Mention any food allergies, vegetarian preference or childcare need. They will also be collecting items for the Hampton UMC Food Pantry and a love offering for Seacoast Family Promise.

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>.



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.

Wanakee Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 9 am to 3 pm

Help get Wanakee ready for the winter season at our Fall Work Day! There is a place for every volunteer, regardless of experience or skill level. Projects may include clearing and hauling brush, light carpentry, putting away equipment, organizing supplies, and other work that helps keep camp safe, welcoming, and ready for the next season. Volunteers ages 17 and under must attend with an adult. Coffee, light snacks, and lunch will be available for all volunteers. We will work rain or shine, including on outdoor projects, so come prepared for the forecast and wear sturdy clothes you can work in. RSVP by visiting www.wanakee.org/events.

Harvest Fair Information 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.