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.

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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 — Evan Carlson

OPENING PRAYER — Together

Everlasting God, we bless your holy name. As we gather, fill our hearts with joy and thanksgiving. Empower us to magnify your name, both in this hour of worship and throughout our daily journeys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

***** HYMN OF PRAISE "We Gather Together" (UMH 131) — Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Soul Well," Breathe out: "Body Whole."

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

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE READING 3 John: 2-6 Evan Carlson

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Spiritual Wholeness" Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN "Spirit Song" (UMH 347) Together

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Refrain

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.

GENEROSITY MESSAGE Linda Wilson

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Choir

* DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94 Together

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 "Here I Am, Lord" (UMH 593) Together

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and ran, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

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

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday November 15.

Ushers: Dick Wallace and Dave Bagley
Greeters: Robin and David House
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Noreen Hoisington
Refreshments: Joyce Hawkins and Peggy Hodkinson.
Counters: Linda Wilson, Jessica Belch, Denise Green, Amy Shields

Announcements – November 8, 2026



Say Yes to God in 2027

During November, we will share ways that we can Say Yes to GOD. If you are ready, after prayerful consideration, Say Yes by completing the 2027 pledge card and placing it in the offering plate. If you have questions about the pledge card, please contact Brenda DuLong, Financial Secretary.

2026 Annual Church Conference this afternoon

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 will be held today November 8 at 2 pm at Milford United Methodist Church. All St. James parishioners are invited although only church members can vote.

St. James Community Food Pantry

The food pantry has been serving approximately 60 families each week, but not necessarily the same 60 each week. Although we serve the communities of Merrimack, Nashua, Litchfield and Bedford, the large majority of clients are from Merrimack. We have seen an increase in food insecurity as the colder weather approaches.

For Thanksgiving this year, we are giving out 70 turkeys and gift cards for people to purchase the vegetables of their choice. We are looking for donations of cranberry sauce and canned pie filling (apple, blueberry, cherry).

There will be a collection bin in the office hallway. All thanksgiving donations must be received by November 15. Thank you for your continuing support.

Lesley Fallu and Cheryl Barb

Coffee Hour volunteers needed

We need coffee hour volunteers for Sunday in November 29. The sign up sheet is on the large green bulletin board in the hallway.

2027 Altar Flowers

The Flower Chart for 2027 is up on the big green bulletin board in the office hallway. If you would like to contribute flowers for a particular Sunday, add your name to the list. Altar flowers cost $30 per arrangement and you can take them home after church that day so you can enjoy them all week long. Make checks payable to St. James UMC and write “Altar Flowers” on the memo line. You can place checks in the offering plate or mail them to the church.

St. Paul’s Craft Fair

St.Paul’s UMC, 335 Smyth Rd. in Manchester is having a craft fair with cookie walk, bake sale, silent auction, white elephant sale, café and vendor tables on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Londonderry UMC Craft Fair

Londonderry UMC, 258 Mammoth Rd. in Londonderry is having a craft fair with silent auction, and artisan and food vendors on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Save the Date – Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall here at St. James Church
Join us for a festive morning of fun, food and holiday cheer! Enjoy a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast. Visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Call the church office 603-424-7459 for reservations or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. $10 adults, $8.00 children, under 5 free.



THE POWER OF GENEROSITY: A PLEDGE TO ST. JAMES FOR 2027

In grateful recognition for all of the ministries of St. James, I (We) join with others to:

_____pray for the mission and ministry of St. James United Methodist Church

_____grow in my (our) giving to the General Fund as follows:

My (Our) new financial commitment is $_____ per _____week _____month _____ year

for an annual total of $_____

Name (please print)_____Current Envelope #_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone(s)_____ Email_____

_____I /We would like printed envelopes for 2027. _____ I /We need a new envelope number for 2027.