

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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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

Noreen Hoisington

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Loving God, as we worship together, quiet our hearts and center us in your presence. Allow us to sing joyfully and pray sincerely, and bind us together as the living Body of Christ. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (O-So-So) TFWS 2232

Together

Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God our Savior,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body,
Come O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: "Center me." Breathe out: "Fill me (with your grace)."

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

Matthew 5:8 NRSVUE

Noreen Hoisington

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Finding Our True Center"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" (UMH 451)

Together

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.



* 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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (UMH 664)

Together

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*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 Ann Simpson.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday August 16.

Ushers: Robin House and Cheryl Barb
Greeters: Joyce Hawkins and Linda Dolley
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Joe Marrone
Refreshments: The Belch Family
Counters: Robin House, Joyce Hawkins, Carol Hurwitch

Announcements – August 9, 2026



Interested in Becoming a Member of St. James?

See Pastor Hyuk if you are interested in becoming a member of St. James Church.

Trustees Maintenance Projects

The Board of Trustees has been tackling several large projects to keep our building safe and well maintained. We are thankful to the people who have donated above and beyond their pledged giving to make some of these things happen. Future projects include replacing the washing sink and faucet in the kitchen, a circulating pump for our heating system, a Modine heater in the hallway, rebuilding the handicap ramp to meet current ADA specifications and a digital sign out front. If you would like to make a donation to any of these projects, please make checks payable to St. James UMC and write "Trustees Projects" on the memo line. If you have questions, see Dick Wallace.

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.

Upcoming Events at Wanakee

Wanakee Wilderness 5K

Join us for the Wanakee Wilderness 5K on Saturday, August 15th, 2026. The race starts at 9:00 AM and takes runners through Wanakee's scenic wooded trails for a challenging and memorable course. Learn more on <https://wanakeewilderness5k.com/>.

Homecoming BBQ & 65th Anniversary Celebration

Stay after the race for our Homecoming BBQ and 65th Anniversary Celebration, beginning at 11:00 AM on August 15. Enjoy a chicken barbecue, camp activities, and a special day of celebration with the Wanakee community.

Fall Fun Day - 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

Nashua Community Music School Summer Programs

Nashua Community Music School located at 2 Lock Street in Nashua is offering summer music camps. Half day from 9am to 12:30 pm for ages 4-7, full day from 9am to 3 pm for ages 8-12 and evenings from 6:30 to 9 pm for ages 12-18. Scholarships are available. Pick up a camp program from the church office or visit www.nashuacms.org.

Eco-Adventure for Kids at Rolling Ridge

August 11-August 13, 2026 at Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, 660 Great Pond Rd, North Andover, MA. Visit the programs and events page at www.Rollingridge.org to register and for scholarship information.

The Little Kids Eco-Adventure program welcomes children along with their caregivers. We'll use nature to learn about God while we play, sing songs, and explore! Siblings under 3 years of age may attend for free as tagalongs. They are welcome to play along with the group, but content will be geared for ages 3-6.

Little Kids: Ages 3-6 with caregiver, 10:30am-12pm

All 3 Days: First Child: \$90, Each Add'l Sibling: \$68

Single Day: First Child: \$30, Each Add'l Sibling: \$23

The Big Kids Eco-Adventure program welcomes children ages 7-10 to explore nature, play, and do experiments, while learning ways we can find God in the natural world. Although this is a drop-off program, parents are welcome to stay and observe. A limited number of parent volunteer spots are available for adults who agree to stay and assist with the class. Parent volunteers will be refunded \$15 for each day they assist.

Big Kids: Ages 7-10, drop off class, 1:00-3:00pm

All 3 Days: First Child: \$120, Each Add'l Sibling: \$90

Single Day: First Child: \$40, Each Add'l Sibling: \$30

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.