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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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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

Joe Marrone

OPENING PRAYER

Together

Gracious God, center us in Your peace and fill us with worshipful hearts. May Your peace flow through us to all, making us peacemakers wherever we are. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (UMH 89)

Together

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and glowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Peace." Breathe out: "Help us share."

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 5:9

Joe Marrone

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Inner Peace, Peace for All"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"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.

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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (TFWS 2171)

Together

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by George and Lucille Fisher
in honor of grandsons Elijah and Ian's birthdays.*

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday August 23.

Ushers: Robin House and Cheryl Barb

Greeters: Dave and Jane Jenkins

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Carol Marrone

Refreshments: The Barb Family

Counters: Linda Wilson, Jessica Belch, Denise Green, Amy Shields

Announcements – August 16, 2026



Funeral Service for Rae Bruce

Rae Bruce, wife of one of our former pastors, Rev. Ralph Bruce, passed away on August 4.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday August 22nd at 10:00 AM at Main Street United Methodist Church located at 154 Main St in Nashua, NH, with a burial to follow at the Last Rest Cemetery in Merrimack, NH.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Looking Ahead to September:

Monthly Breakfast

The St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) would love to have you join them for breakfast at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 5 at Mary Ann's Diner, 1 Craftsman Lane, Amherst. RSVP to George Fisher at fishergf@comcast.net so he knows how many people to expect.

Church Work Day

Church work days are a great way to lend a helping hand and spend time with your friends from church. Our next work day will be Saturday, September 5 from 9:30 am 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!

Fall Fun Day at Wanakee - 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.

Save the Date for the Harvest Fair Saturday, October 17 from 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 will be available in our Sweet Shoppe located in the Parlor. Pull up a chair and enjoy some baked goods or candies with your coffee.

How you can help make this a successful fundraiser?

- Sign up to bring baked goods and candy/fudge or purchase items for the silent auction. Sign-up sheets will be available Sundays during fellowship time after Labor Day.
- Save your books and items for the yard sale. We'll start collecting them soon.
- Let Robin House know if you have pop-up tents and card tables that we can borrow.