

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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Barb

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to God, the Creator and Giver of every gift!

People: We praise You, Lord. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Leader: We give thanks for the church, not built of stone, but woven together by the hands and hearts of Your people.

People: We thank God for the sacred ministry of the laity, serving faithfully in the church and out in the world.

All: Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Caitlyn Aierle

* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Christ for the World We Sing" (UMH 568)

Together

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal,

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
With fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
With one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
With joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "Through Baptism," Breathe out: "I am called."

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

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Caitlyn Aierle

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Choreography of Stewardship"

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN

"Where He Leads Me" (UMH 338)

Together

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain

**Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.**

I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Refrain

I'll go with him though the judgement, I'll go with him through the judgement,
I'll go with him through the judgement, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Refrain

He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way

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.

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (UMH 577)

Together

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING

Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Fallu family in memory of Bob Loiselle.

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday October 25.

Ushers: Debbe Walter and Younglang Seonwoo

Greeters: Doug and Linda Wilson

Liturgist/Worship Leader: Brenda DuLong

Refreshments: Need a volunteer – sign up on green bulletin board in hallway.

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



Announcements – October 18, 2026

Coffee Hour volunteers needed

We need volunteers to make coffee and provide refreshments next Sunday October 25, and in November and December. The sign up sheet is on the large green bulletin board in the hallway.

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>.



Church Conference Preview Meeting

To give all of our church members a chance to preview and ask questions about reports that will be presented at the November 8 church conference, especially those items that will be voted on, we will have a preview meeting immediately following worship here in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1. Copies of the meeting packet will be available and an abbreviated version (just the items that will be voted on) will be sent out by email. A Zoom invitation will be sent in case you can't be here in person.

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.

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.

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! We'll spend the day caring for camp, tackling needed projects, and preparing our 227 acres for the months ahead. 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. Camp depends on the generosity of people who give their time and energy throughout the year. Invite your family, friends, church, youth group, or team to join you—everyone is welcome. 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

Wanakee Apple Butter Family Fun Day

Originally Scheduled for Saturday, September 26, has been postponed to October 24 from 10 am to 3 pm. Bring the whole family to camp for a cozy, hands-on fall day! All are invited to join us as we gather around the campfire to boil and can apple butter together.

Enjoy the simple fun of spending a day at camp: take a hike, play games, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy other favorite camp activities. Of course, no Apple Butter Day would be complete without tasting the finished product—enjoy fresh apple butter on a warm biscuit and take home a jar to share. This event is **free to attend**. An optional lunch will be available for **\$6 per person**. Take home a jar of apple butter of your own with a donation of any size! Visit www.Wanakee.org/events for more information and to register.

