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.

Thanksgiving Sunday / Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 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 — Joe Marrone

OPENING PRAYER — Together

Most gracious God, receive our praise and thanksgiving for your abundant blessings and for the endless riches of your grace in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

***** HYMN OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" (UMH 62) — Together

All creatures of our God and King, lift up you voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Refrain

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,
Refrain

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God’s glory also show!
Refrain

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your heart,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care!
Refrain

And thou, our sister, gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God and Christ our Lord the way has trod,
Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

BREATH PRAYER Breathe in: "God's abundance" Breathe out: "Self-giving Love"

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 Colossians 1:15-20 Joe Marrone
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Gratitude for God's Big Picture" Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

*HYMN "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" (UMH 166) Together

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was then,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;
Bu thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant, that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eteral purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Teresa and Tom Baugh and Bob and Julie Zaykoski into our faith family.

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 — Brenda DuLong

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 "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 fort 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.

*DISMISSAL with BLESSING Rev. Hyuk Seonwoo

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

Who is helping in worship next week?

The following people will help worship run smoothly next Sunday November 29.

Ushers: Dick Wallace and Dave Bagley
Greeters: Joe and Carol Marrone
Liturgist/Worship Leader: Carol Marrone
Refreshments: Volunteers needed.
Counters: Joe Marrone, Gary Ponder Williams, Dick Wallace

Announcements – November 22, 2026

Welcome new members

Congratulations and welcome to new members Tom and Teresa Baugh and Julie and Bob Zaykoski who will be received into membership by profession of faith during today's worship service.

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.

Coffee Hour volunteers needed

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

Free Books

Please help yourself to the books from the bookshelf in the office hallway.

Gathering for Spiritual Enrichment

Pastor Hyuk will lead us for a time of reflection, embodied spirituality and contemplative prayer using readings from *Here and Now* by Henri Nouwen and *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. We will meet in the parlor on Wednesdays either at 10 am or 7 pm starting December 2. Please purchase *Here and Now* by Henri Nouwen at your favorite bookseller. *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp is recommended but not required.

God With Us

Join DS David for a free four-week Zoom Advent Study on Sunday nights during Advent starting November 29. We will journey together through the material "*God With Us: Advent Promises for a Just World",* a free online resource from GCORR.
Through Scripture and conversation, we'll explore **hope, peace, joy, and love** and consider how these Advent promises call us toward justice, equity, and belonging in our communities. Register and download reading materials and Zoom link on the district website www.neumc.org/gr

Online Advent Prayer Journey Offered by Rolling Ridge

Sundays during Advent from 6-7 pm (Nov 29-Dec 27), Rolling Ridge will offer online reflections and contemplative sharing using illustrations and meditations from *Honest Advent* by Scott Erickson. Register at www.rollingridge.org.

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.

December Men's Breakfast Here at St. James

Instead of meeting at the diner in December, the St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) will attend the Breakfast with Santa event here at St. James at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 5. Details below.

New Home for Donation Bins

The blue collection bins that were on the corner bookshelf in fellowship hall have been moved to the Parlor for easier weekday access. We have bins for eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, aluminum can tabs for the Shriners, used postage stamps for *Stamps for the Wounded*, Scarves for *Operation Care for Troops*, greeting cards and prayer shawls for the Caring Ministry. Read more about these ministries in the December church newsletter.

The Upper Room

Thanks to a generous donation from Carole Vandermark, we now have copies of *The Upper Room* daily devotional magazine available for our parishioners. They are on the bookshelf in the Parlor.

Winter Concert

Merrimack Concert Association will present *A Cinematic Winter* at the Merrimack High School on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm. Adults $14, seniors 60+ $12, students $8. Visit www.merrimackconcert.org/tickets for details.



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 #_____

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City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone(s)_____ Email_____

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