

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.

October 4, 2020
18th Sunday after Pentecost



WORLD **COMMUNION** SUNDAY

GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

PRELUDE	Darlene Skene
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Lynne Mentzer
INTROIT	Darlene Skene

PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

OPENING PRAYER	Marge Galvin
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	Marge Galvin

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME		
SERMON	"BC. IC. AC." (Based on Luke 24: 13-38)	Rev. David Abbott

SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

“He Lives” No. 310 UMH

Darlene Skene

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

(Refrain)

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last.

(Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the king!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

(Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND GRATITUDE MOMENT

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, for your Word and Spirit, for community and communion, for bread and juice, we thank you! Take and bless and guide us in sharing these gifts and tithes to your good purposes, that all will know your love through the work of your church. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

SOULWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR THE WEEK

HYMN “Standing on the Promises” (vs. 1,3,4) No. 374 UMH Darlene Skene

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)
Standing, Standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Darlene Skene

Announcements–October 6 2020



ZOOM In for Virtual Coffee Hour Wednesday Mornings

At 10:30 AM each Wednesday morning, 16-20 church friends turn on their laptop computers and ZOOM in for our weekly virtual coffee hour. Invitations are e-mailed out to the entire church family no later than Tuesday afternoon – just click and join in on Wednesday morning. We check in with each other, share stories and God-moments, pray and laugh together. Won't you join us? If you haven't received your invitation by e-mail, please contact the church office. Hope to see you Wednesday!

The Food Pantry needs bags

Our food pantry is running low on grocery bags. If you have any you would like to give, you can bring them to church on Sunday or during office hours 8-2 Mon – Thurs. Thank you!

The St. James Clothes Closet is reopening on Wednesday, October 14. Same time (9 am to noon) - new day.

Wednesdays have been chosen to avoid extra traffic in and out of the building during food pantry hours. No donations will be accepted at this time.

Buy a Bag to Support the Food Pantry

For the month of October, St. James United Methodist Church Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Bag at the Shaw's store located at Shaw's 7 Continental Blvd., Merrimack NH.

Pie Fundraiser – Sold Out

Many thanks to Lynn Kenson for baking her delicious chicken pies and apple pies. And thanks to everyone for purchasing them. This fundraiser which raised \$1,000 for the church will take the place of the Fall Harvest Fair.

Greater Nashua Crop Hunger Walk 2020: Walking Together... Apart

This year's Crop Hunger Walk for the Greater Nashua area will take place during the entire month of October. Walk our 3.4 mile route or any route that you choose. Walk with your family at a time and day that is convenient for you or with our Merrimack Faith Communities team. Our team will walk in small socially distanced groups on **Saturday, October 24**. We'll meet at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 110 Concord St. in Nashua at 10:00 am. We'll have a picnic lunch in Greely Park after we're done walking. Go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nashuanh> to register with the Merrimack Faith Communities team. Then follow the prompts to send emails to friends and family requesting donations. We have free Crop Walk masks for our walkers.

This Week's Events at St. James– October 4, 2020	
Today, Sunday 10/4	9:30 am Worship with Communion
Tuesday, 10/6	9:30 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 10/7	10:30 am Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Next Sunday, 10/11	9:30 am Worship