

# 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](http://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.

November 15, 2020  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES**

GATHERING MUSIC	Darlene Skene
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Lynne Mentzer
GREETING OF PEACE	
INTROIT	Darlene Skene

**PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US**

OPENING PRAYER	George Fisher
"High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. and Veteran's Day Prayer	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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		Rev. Lynne Mentzer
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 26: 6-13	George Fisher
MESSAGE		Rev. Lynne Mentzer

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.

### **SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND GRATITUDE MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION

**O God, had we been with Jesus that night, would we have judged or anointed your Son? We confess our continuing confusion between polity and practice, and ask for your guidance. Guide us also to grow in generosity as we give back and seek to multiply your blessings through your church, all in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

### SOULWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR THE WEEK

HYMN

“My Life Flows On” No. 2212 (vs. 1,3,4)

Darlene Skene

My life flows on in endless song,  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

**Refrain**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that refuge clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?**

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.

**Refrain**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?

**Refrain**

\* BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

Darlene Skene

This Week's Events at St. James – November 15, 2020	
Today, Sunday 11/15	9:30 am Worship
Tuesday, 11/17	9:30 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm SPRC meeting
Wednesday, 11/18	9:00 am Clothes Closet 10:30 am Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour 2-7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 pm Anxious for Nothing book study
Next Sunday, 11/22	9:30 am Worship

# Announcements–November 15, 2020



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

here at St. James UMC on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 1:30 – 7:00 pm.

Schedule an appointment by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), using the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

## **Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets**

Our food pantry will distribute Thanksgiving baskets on Tuesday, November 24 to local families in need. We would appreciate donations of turkey, cranberry sauce, pies and baked goods as well as monetary donations to help fund the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables. In order to adequately fill the baskets, we will need to receive the items by Sunday, November 22. Contact Donna Johnson, director [johnsondonna382@gmail.com](mailto:johnsondonna382@gmail.com) or 440-9597 or David and Barbara Jenkins 620-0685 with questions.

## **Clothes Closet Closed for Thanksgiving**

The Clothes closet will be closed on Wednesday, November 25.

## **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!

## **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program**

For the month of November, Merrimack Community Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 4 Jenkins Road, Bedford NH.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The St. James United Methodist Men (UMM) invites you to their monthly breakfast on Saturday, December 5 at 8:00 am at Joey's Diner in Amherst. All men are invited to attend. Please wear a mask when entering the diner.

## **A Message from the Finance Committee**

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the upcoming season of Advent, we reflect on the challenges and blessings we have experienced this year. We are very thankful that we have been able to continue having meaningful worship services, whether in-person or online and continue serving our community as well. This would not be possible without your support. Unfortunately we have not been able to have as many fundraisers such as church suppers and the harvest fair and we are relying on your offerings. If you have made a pledge to St. James for 2020, please check your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statement to ensure that your pledges are up to date. If you have not made a pledge, we appreciate giving as you are able.