

# 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.

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 3, 2021



**GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES**

GATHERING MUSIC

Darlene Skene

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INTROIT

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Burt

L: Come and worship God – who created all the world, who knows each person by name, and who is faithful to all generations.

**P: Let every knee bow and every tongue sing praises to God!**

L: Come and worship God – who in Jesus Christ brings forgiveness and healing of the world, who calls us all to his table of abundance, justice and peace.

**P: Let the people come from the north and south, from east and west, young and old, to join hands around Jesus' holy table.**

L: Come and worship God – who is present among us, empowering, guiding, and sustaining us by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to grow in faith.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit! Nourish us by word and sacrament that we may be one with our sisters and brothers in faith, and one with you. Amen.**

HYMN

“Christ for the World We Sing” No. 568

Darlene Skene

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
With loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and over-borne,  
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.

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Blessing of the Dresses with Dianne Tate and friends from Bow Mills UMC

### UNISON PRAYER

Nancy Burt

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH No. 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;  
And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

In the upholding of human dignity and community;

In every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;

In each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;

In all responsible use of earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:

Through the violation of human dignity based of race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;

Through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;

Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;

Through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten  
human existence;

Through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:

To take up the cross;

To seek abundant life for all humanity;

To struggle for peace with justice and freedom;

To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,

Praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, Amen**

### ANTHEM

Choir

READING FROM THE PROPHETS Micah 6:6-8

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

### SERMON

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

### BLESSING FOR MARGE GALVIN

### HYMN

"In the Garden" No. 314

Darlene Skene

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

### Refrain

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

### Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

**Refrain**

## **SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Liturgy for World Communion Sunday**

Invitation (Spain)

**Prayer of Confession (Korea)**

**Lord, thanks to you the dividing wall of the temple is no longer a problem for us, but the separating walls which we continue to build most certainly are. So Lord, whether we are in Berlin, Soweto, Baghdad or Merrimack, putting up all the barriers common to human communities the world over, show us how we may begin instead to take them down.**

Silent Confession

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Remembering His Love (Bali)

**The Lord's Prayer (Nicaragua)**

**Our Father, who fills this land, may your name be blessed in our incessant search for justice and peace. May your kingdom come for those who have for centuries awaited life with dignity. May your will be done on earth and in heaven, and may your church ever be on the side of the poor. Give us today or daily bread to build a new society. Forgive our trespasses; do not let us fall into the temptation of believing ourselves to be already new men and women. And deliver us from the evil of war, and from the evil of forgetting that our lives and all the world are in your hands. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup of New Life. *Eat the bread and drink the juice that you have prepared for yourself at home followed by a time of quiet prayer.*

**Blessing (Romania)**

**May the God of grace bless this holy sharing, that the word of Christ may dwell richly within us, and that we may go forth to bear fruit to God's glory. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROUS GIVING AND LIVING

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

Choir  
Darlene Skene

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, today we are overwhelmed with blessings. World Communion Sunday. Dresses for girls and support for Afghan refugees. A fond farewell and reminders everywhere that your love unites us always. Our hearts are filled with gratitude, O God – thank you! Bless these gifts to your good purposes and us, always, to fulfill your will and delight your heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 557

Darlene Skene

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

BLESSING

Mentzer

Rev. Lynne

POSTLUDE

Darlene Skene

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God  
by David and Robin House in memory of Margaret House.*

# Announcements–October 3, 2021



## Flu Clinic

Walgreens will be hosting a clinic right here at St. James following worship today. This event is open to anyone in the community. Most flu shots are covered 100% by insurance.

## Blessing of the Animals

Our Lady of Mercy Church is holding a Blessing of the Animals in their church parking lot at 2:00 this afternoon. All kinds of pets and their people are invited. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

## Community Arts Ministry Upcoming Programs

**Kindermusik:** There is still space available in this ongoing music and movement class for young children, toddler to age 7. Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Cost is \$78 per month, includes family workbook. Scholarships available.

**Write From the Heart:** Discover new ways to listen for God’s voice and wise counsel in your life. Four Thursdays in October – Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Cost is \$20 per person, includes Journal to the Self, blank journals and handouts.

**Bible Journaling:** Colorful, creative reflections on scripture, prayers, daily devotions. Two Wednesdays, October 13 and 20 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Bring a journaling bible or blank journal, and your favorite art supplies.

**Halloween Treats and Pumpkin Decorating:** Fun to make “scary” treats and pumpkins await your child’s creativity. Saturday, October 23 from 9 to 10:30 am. \$5 per child. All ingredients and materials provided.

Call the church office or email [communityartsministry@gmail.com](mailto:communityartsministry@gmail.com) to register.

## Harvest Fair

The Harvest Fair is back and scheduled for Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> which is only two weeks away. Most or all of the fair will be taking place outside this year due to COVID concerns. Please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall today to volunteer.

- We are in desperate need of pop-up tents to borrow from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon.
- Volunteers are needed for each tent (baked goods, candy, silent auction, crafts, breakfast, lunch, books and puzzles, yard sale/flea market).
- Volunteers are needed to organize and run each tent area. Set up is from 5:00 to 8:00 on Friday evening and from 7:00 – 8:30 Saturday morning.

Please bring Silent Auction items, completed crafts, books and puzzles to church on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> or Friday, October 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Yard Sale items and baked goods/candy can be brought in on Friday, October 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We do not have storage space for the yard sale in advance of that Friday. Remember, we CANNOT take electronics, appliances, large furniture, used bedding or clothing.

See Lesley Fallu ([fallu@comcast.net](mailto:fallu@comcast.net), 603-497-4060) or Brenda DuLong ([bsdulong@gmail.com](mailto:bsdulong@gmail.com), 603-493-5495) for more information.

## Trustees Work Day

Fall is a great time to do maintenance jobs around the church. Our trustees will host another church work day on Saturday, October 9 from 8 am to noon.

## Knitters and Crocheters needed

We are running low on prayer shawls. Cheryl Barb has kits in the HUB which include yarn and instructions. See Cheryl if you would like to help.

## Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk

Join us on Sunday, October 24 at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond St. Nashua, NH to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. Registration and kick-off begins at 12:30. Walk begins at 1:30.

To register as a walker and/or raise money, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/nashuanh> When you register to walk, click on "join a team" and choose St. James United Methodist Church.

## Travel Opportunity: Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join the New England Conference Episcopal Office on an 11 day Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, starting at \$3,098 from Boston, MA departing on February 14, 2022. Visit the Conference website [www.neumc.org/leadershiplearning/spiritualformation/holy-land](http://www.neumc.org/leadershiplearning/spiritualformation/holy-land) for more information.

**Note about passports:** For those of you considering making the pilgrimage but do not yet have a passport, please note that the regular application process for U.S. passports is taking up to six months. The expedited process is still an option, but is taking longer than usual as well. Also note that your passport should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your travel dates.

### Help Our New Afghan Neighbors

The United Methodist Foundation of New England and Justice for Our Neighbors have established a matching fund to help support our new Afghan neighbors in New England.

Among the first evacuees and refugees will be 150 – 200 persons to be settled in Lowell, MA, with additional arrivals anticipated in Boston and Manchester, NH. Most will arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They usually do not speak English or understand life in the U.S. and are not immediately eligible for government assistance.

The International Institute of New England (IINE) has long been used by the U.S. State Department as a primary nonprofit for the resettlement of refugees in New England and has experienced staff to assist these new arrivals. IINE relies on donors to provide financial assistance and furnishings to those beginning their new lives in the U.S.

Churches and individuals are invited to support the Afghan Fund by sending checks to the address below or by donating online at [www.umfne.org](http://www.umfne.org). All gifts received at the foundation by Oct. 5 will be matched up to a total of \$20,000 and contributed to IINE on behalf of United Methodists across New England.

United Methodist Foundation of New England  
34 Route 111, Suite 102  
Derry, NH 03038  
Attn: AFGHAN NEIGHBOR FUND

This Week's Events at St. James – October 3, 2021		
Today, Sunday 10/3	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Worship with communion and Sunday School Blessing of the Animals at Our Lady of Mercy
Tuesday, 10/5	9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00pm	Clothes Closet Food Pantry Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, 10/6	10:30 am	Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour
Thursday, 10/7	7:00 pm	Write From the Heart workshop
Friday, 10/8	11:00 am	Paula Randall Celebration of Life
Saturday, 10/9	8:00 am	Trustees Work Day
Next Sunday, 10/10	9:30 am	Worship with Sunday school