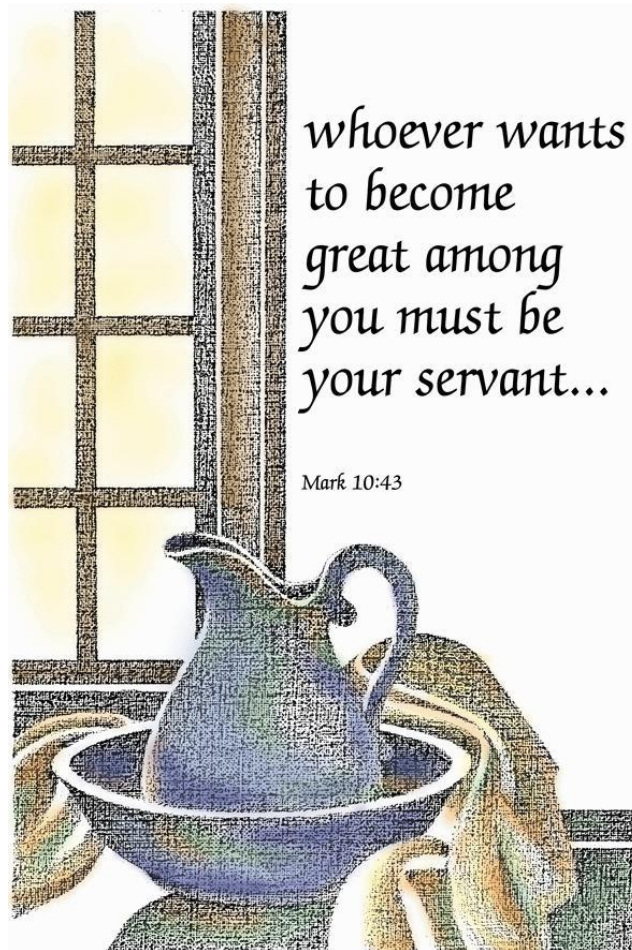


# St. James United Methodist Church

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*W*elcome 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.

*The flowers which grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God  
by Chris Kiss in memory of her Mom and Dad and her brother Rob.*

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17, 2021



**GATHERING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES**

GATHERING MUSIC

Darlene Skene

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

GREETING OF PEACE

INTROIT

Choir

**PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Garland

L: Sisters and brothers, Jesus calls us -

**P: To love God and to see God in one another.**

L: Jesus calls us -

**P: To see God in one another and to serve our neighbors.**

L: Jesus calls us -

**P: To serve our neighbors because we love God.**

L: Sisters and brothers, Jesus calls us -

**P: To love God and to follow him. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us" No. 398

Darlene Skene

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

**O God, more than once Jesus told his followers to serve others as an act of love and service to you. We confess that we often limit our service to providing food, clothing, and community to those who are hungry, at-risk, and lonely. Expand our understanding, we pray, to serve in more ways that change lives, including our own; all to your glory. Amen.**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pat Garland

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 5:1-4

Pat Garland

ANTHEM

Choir

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:43b-45

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

SERMON

\*HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu" No. 432

Darlene Skene

**Refrain**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

**Refrain**

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,  
Neighbors are near and far away.

**Refrain**

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.

**Refrain**

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,  
This is the way we should live with you.

**Refrain**

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with you.

**Refrain**

## SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO GENEROUS GIVING AND LIVING

ANTHEM

Choir

DOXOLOGY

UMH No. 95

**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, these gifts represent a portion of the blessings we have received this week -- good work to do or work completed, abundance meant to be shared, and community built on faith, hope and love – all from your hand. We thank you and ask that you keep us ever grateful and generous in response, so that these blessings will multiply through your church. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" No. 2171

Darlene Skene

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring you love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Lynne Mentzer

POSTLUDE

Darlene Skene

# Announcements–October 17, 2021



## **New Members Class**

Have you felt the nudge of the Holy Spirit urging you to make a deeper commitment in your faith? Have you felt a desire to learn more about our denomination and your place in this community of faith? A New Members Class is being planned. Please contact Pastor Lynne if you are interested in attending. We'll set a date and time depending in your input.

## **Community Arts Ministry Upcoming Programs**

**Write From the Heart:** This Thursday, October 21 is week 3 of the four week journal writing workshop. The class will meet from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Wesley Room.

**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. For children of all ages - \$5 per child. All ingredients and materials provided.

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

## **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.

## **Sanctuary Window Project:**

The Trustees have been very busy sprucing up our church, recently renovating the parlor, the parlor kitchen, the choir room, and the new audio-video room. Our next project is replacing the windows in the sanctuary. The cost of a window is \$1025. Are you interested in donating the funds for a window in memory of a loved one? Please see Lesley Fallu (or call 603-497-4060) for more information.

## **Clothes Closet Needs Volunteers**

There are openings for volunteer positions on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 9 to noon. Contact Joyce Hawkins if you would like to help.

## **Operation Care for Troops**

Please bring scarves and hats to St. James by November 14 for the next shipment to our troops from the armory in Nashua.

## **Do your online shopping with AmazonSmile.**

Did you know that St. James UMC is registered to receive donations from AmazonSmile? When you shop online, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designate St. James United Methodist Church, Merrimack, NH as your charity. You'll get the same product choices and prices as you would with Amazon.com.

## 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.

## Ushers Needed

If you would like to help with our Sunday worship services as an usher, please contact Dave Jenkins at 603-820-0685 or [dewi-babs@comcast.net](mailto:dewi-babs@comcast.net).

## 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.

This Week's Events at St. James – October 17, 2021		
Today, Sunday 10/17	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, 10/19	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	SPRC meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, 10/20	7:00 pm	Intro to Bible Journaling workshop
Thursday, 10/21	7:00 am	Write from the Heart workshop
Friday, 10/22	7:30 pm	Choir practice
Saturday, 10/16	9:00 am	Halloween Treats and Pumpkin Decorating
Next Sunday, 10/24	9:30 am	Worship, Generosity Series Begins