

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship Aug 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand.)*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Peace be with you

And also with you

Prelude

"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach / Arr. Scott

***The Call to Worship**

A vision for our faith community, a vision of joyful worship.

Voices praising, young and old together, God's name glorified.

A vision of faithfulness to God's Word.

The challenge of the prophets, heard; the psalms, a strength; the teachings of Jesus, the Way to follow.

A vision of compassionate service.

The powerless empowered, the weak supported, the vulnerable given self-confidence.

A vision with the love of Jesus Christ at the center.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn	<i>"All hail the power of Jesus' name!"</i>	#91 vs 1,2,4,5
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.	Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.	

***Gathering Prayer** *(In Unison)*

Lord, we gather as your people, the body of Christ in the world. We are here because of the faithfulness of others down through the years. We thank you that no time has ever lacked voices to tell your story. And you continue to empower those who serve you today. Make us faithful witnesses. Allow no spectators. Help us to hear and to do your good will today as we gather and as we go. Amen.

Special Music

"What a Wonderful World"

Weiss & Thiele / Arr. Cox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:3-11, 20-22, 56-58 & Ephesians 4:1-6****1 Corinthians 15:3-11**

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴ and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Ephesians 4:1-6**Unity in the Body of Christ**

4 I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn	<i>"Wonderful Words of Life"</i>	#323
Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty: [Refrain:] Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.		Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life. All so freely given, wooing us to heaven: [Refrain] Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life. Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*In Unison*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to Give Generously

(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory

"Original Inspiration"

Camie

***Doxology** (*In Unison*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*In Unison*)

May our gifts be a worthy response to your call, and our service be a faithful reply to the love we have known in Christ. May these offerings and our lives be poured out in kindness, meekness, and patience to communicate your love and your peace. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn

"I Have Decided"

#344

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus--
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow,
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me--
no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

Benediction

Postlude

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Ken Ruff**
Harpist: **Amy Camie**

Announcements

Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Botswana** this week

We pray for

Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, David Leech, Cherie Messina and Gloria Vaclavik. Please let us know your prayer concerns
If you have private prayer concern please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

08/18/24 Service

Liturgist: **Mark Strothman**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Ken Ruff**
Special Music: **Duets**

08/25/24 Service

Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Ken Ruff**
Special Music: **Violin, Voice & Harp**

09/01/24 Service

Liturgist: **Craig Bielke**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Monica Hart**
Special Music: **Violin, Voice & Harp**

The **Sontag** and **Messina family's** want to **thank** all of the SJUCC membership family who came out to Cherie's fundraiser on July 20th, or donated to her cancer fund. The fundraiser was a wonderful success, we estimated around 400+ people came and graciously supported Cherie and the kids. We are so, so blessed!

Many thanks for your generosity and prayers! God bless SJUCC and its members for all you do for our church, congregation and general community!

P.S. There are only 30 of the 100 Aruba Villa raffle tickets left. Please see Larry for details if interested or check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Most sincerely, **Larry, Angie, Cherie, Catherine, Andrew and Abby**

... Looking Ahead

8/12	1:00 PM	Exec Council
8/15	10:00 AM	Book Group reading "Code Name Sapphire" by Pam Jenoff
8/18	10:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Colombia
8/18	10:00 AM	Back Pack Blessing
8/18	11:00 AM	Speaker Superintendent for Rockwood Schools
8/19	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
8/22	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship at Sapore Italian Café, Kirkwood RSVP
8/23	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
8/25	10:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for India
8/25	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
8/25	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
8/27	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
9/1	10:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Zambia
9/1	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
9/1	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
9/2		Labor Day (office closed)
9/3	9 am	ECC School Starts
9/6	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
9/8	10:00 AM	Rally Day
9/8	10:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Hungary
9/8	11:00 AM	Christian Education Committee
9/9	1:00 PM	Exec Council

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>



WOW!! What a GREAT summer! We had so much fun during our summer camp this year. Highlights of July included; a Red, White, and Blue Bomb Pop party, water day with sprinklers, and a mini child directed car wash. Our returning Rainbow class enjoyed Medieval Week and Ocean explorations. Our younger students celebrated the end of the camp with mouse, pig, cat, and moose as they made and created delectable treats!

We are now busy making preparations for next school year that begins September 3rd. We still have openings available if you know anyone who is looking.

Laura Renth, Director St. John's ECC

Join us on Sundays

9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. – **Worship**

In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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