

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation (Psalm 63:1-3)

God of dreams and waking hours, we give you thanks for all your promises to us. You have said you will accept us and keep us wherever we go. You have set aside resources for us to use. How awesome are your blessings in all the earth. Open our spirits to receive the gifts of your grace. Open our lives to receive and fulfil assignments you would give us. May I enter into worship today with true devotion. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

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

* Passing of the Peace

"Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

"Peace be with you!"

Prelude

"O Love of God, How Strong and True"

Helvey

*Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of God calls us.

Many: With sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God calls us, claiming us, summoning us to become more than we are now.

All: Call us by name: God's children.

*Opening Prayer (*In Unison*)

Fill us O Lord with your presence that we may truly enter into worship, aware of you. Make us one with you so we may leave able to express our call. Give us a space, a time, a moment which we feel truly called as children of God, to do justice, love kindness and carry compassion into the world. Amen

*Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

#4 vs 1 & 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time for the Child in us All

Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo, RN

Special Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

Malotte

(Please meditate on the following as the soloist sings)

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.

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a and Romans 8:12-25
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message

*Hymn	<i>"Have Thine Own Way"</i>		#588 vs 1,2,4
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.	Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.	Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!	

Pastoral Prayer

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.)

*Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

With generous hearts we give this day. With blessings overflowing we are grateful. May we not hold back but give and go as you have given and sent us already. We want to be bearers of Good news, so fill us to overflowing so we may serve boldly in the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>		#543
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. [Refrain] This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.	Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain] Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]		

Benediction

Postlude

Preaching: **Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo, RN**
 Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
 Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**
 Soloist: **Meher Ahora**
 Song Leaders: **Kathy & Mike Scherr**
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
 Technology Team: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**

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Announcements

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the **xx** this week

We pray for **Shirley Carmack, June Evers, Bill Lubbin, Ellen Meier, Marilyn Norton, Jeannie Rucker, A.J. Switzer, Barbara Tretter, and Paul Van Driest.**
 Please let us know your prayer concerns

07/30/23 Service

Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship & Lockup: **Rosemarie Spray**

08/06/23 Service

Liturgist: **Ellen Brandon**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship & Lockup: **Ken Ruff**

A Look Ahead

7/24	6:00 PM	Visioning Committee
7/25	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
7/30	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
7/30	11:00 AM	Mission Team Meeting
8/6		Communion Sunday
8/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry meeting in library
8/7	1:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting zoom
8/9	9:45 AM	Art Museum Tour & Lunch
8/13	10 am	Last Summer Sunday Funday
8/13	11 AM	Men's Group Brainstorming Session
8/14	4:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
8/20		No Sunday School
8/21	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
8/22	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
8/27	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
8/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
8/27		No Sunday School
8/28	6:00 PM	Visioning Committee

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

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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