

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

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

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

Smith arr. Hayes

***The Call to Worship**

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*** Hymn**

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

#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! all the saints adore thee;

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

God ever-living, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,

though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

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

O God of Mystery, within your very self you model the beloved community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, and the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Grant that we may know your presence here today, in new ways, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me." Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

Pastor Katie Jo Bielke

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8 John 3:1-17

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Vision of God in the Temple

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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John 3:1-17

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how

then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn	<i>“Lift High the Cross”</i>	#108
Refrain (Unison): Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. (Refrain) Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain) So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory. (Refrain)		

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Draper arr. Rice

*Doxology

**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*)

Generous God, May we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well as cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"Here I Am, Lord"	#452
I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? [Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart	I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain I have wept for love of them They turn away I will break their hearts of stone Give them hearts for love alone I will speak my words to them Whom shall I send? [Chorus] I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Chorus]	

Benediction

Postlude

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Song Leaders: **Kathy & Mike Scherr**

Announcements

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

06/02/24 Service Liturgist: Rev Rich Brandon Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship & Lockup: Karen Rocchio Special Music: Vocalist	06/09/24 Service Liturgist: Ellen Brandon Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship & Lockup: Karen Rocchio Special Music: Choir & Handbells	06/16/24 Service Liturgist: Warren Stemme Usher Team: John Bartelt Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship & Lockup: Karen Rocchio Special Music: Vocalist
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We pray for
Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwyane Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina,
Kathy Scherr and Gloria Vaclavik Please let us know your prayer concerns

... Looking Ahead

5/26	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
5/26	9:20 AM	Stained Glass Information Meetings
5/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
5/26		Global Ministries Pray for Japan
5/27		Memorial Day Office Closed
5/28	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
5/31	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
6/2	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
6/2	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
6/2		Global Ministries Pray for India
6/4	9:00 AM	ECC Summer Camp Begins
6/9	11:00 AM	Christian Education Committee
6/9		Global Ministries Pray for Ghana
6/14	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
6/16		Global Ministries Pray for Germany
6/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
6/19		Juneteenth
6/23	10:00 AM	Celebration for Rev. Dollgener
6/23	11:00 AM	Church Picnic
6/23		Global Ministries Pray for Philippines
6/25	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
6/27	6:00 PM	Table Fellowship at TBD
6/28	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter July bdays
6/30	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
6/30	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
6/30		Global Ministries Pray for Sri Lanka

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

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

Please help with the list of the **items** that are **needed** for the **Ronald McDonald House dinner** listed below and **in the Narthex**. Please bring refrigerated/frozen items on Sunday, June 9th and place in the refrigerator/freezer in the kitchen. All other items can be placed in the containers located in the narthex.

PANTRY ITEMS

4 - 1 lb. Bags of Thin Spaghetti
 4 - 1 lb. Bags of Rigatoni
 5 - 8oz Cans/Jars of Garlic & Herb Pasta Sauce
 5 - 8 oz. containers of Grated Parmesan Cheese
 1/2 cup Chopped Parsley (dried)
 2 - Large Red Onions
 2 - Large Yellow Onions
 3 - Bottles of Zia's Sweet Italian Dressing
 6 - 14 oz. Cans of Chopped Artichokes
 6 - 7 oz. Jars of Diced Pimientos

REFRIGERATED ITEMS

1 lb. of Salted Butter
 2 - Large cartons of Half n Half
 1 dozen Eggs
 2 lbs. Bacon
 Large Frozen Bag of Italian precooked Meatballs
 3 Large Frozen Bags of Toasted Ravioli
 4 Containers of Marinara Sauce
 Large Green Pepper
 Large Red Pepper
 Large Yellow Pepper

Council Meeting Bullet Points 5/20/24:

- > **June 23** Church Picnic and Celebration of Reverend Dwayne Dollgener's 65th anniversary of his ordination. Please **RSVP** in the Narthex or online: stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship
- > **June 16th** (Father's Day) help needed for cooking and serving a meal at Ronald McDonald House at 4:30. Volunteer **signup** in the Narthex, or to Monica Hart.
- > **July 2nd 10 am** Pastor Katie Jo is starting a Book Club; first book is Before We Were Yours. Come ready to discuss
- > **June 12** is the Shaw Nature Preserve Tour, 9:30 **RSVP in the Narthex**

Spirit of St. Louis Air Show June 8 & 9

On Saturday and Sunday, the Opening Ceremonies start at approximately 11:30 AM each day with the air show immediately following. The schedule of acts is not published, and all acts are subject to change at any time.

This year **St. Thomas** will provide concessions on both days. As in the past, parking and picnic space is free to the public.

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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