

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship May 4, 2025

Third Sunday after Easter

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

Prayer in Preparation

O God, as we worship here this morning, help us to be aware of your loving presence, to listen to your voice and to heed your guidance, so that we may go forth to faithfully serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

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

Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also with you

Prelude

"Because He Lives"

Gaither arr. Whitworth

*The Call to Worship

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.

Fear not, for I am the first and the last. I am he that lives and was dead. I am alive forever.

* Hymn	"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"	#233
Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love. Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above. There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood, "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood." Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now. Alleluia! Christ is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?	Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay. Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.	

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

O Lord, we have experienced the fullness of your grace and the richness of your love.
Grant that even though Easter has passed, we may learn to lead new and risen lives.
Enable us to find hope in the darkest moments and fruit that will shatter all falsehood. Fill
us with the strength and courage to answer to the calling that is ours. Amen.

Children's Time

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Rev. Dr. Rich Brandon

**Child of God your loving parent,
Learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.**

Special Music

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Showalter arr. Whitworth

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: John 21:1-19

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"God's Reminders"

* Hymn

"Thine is the Glory"

#218

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]
Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (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

*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*)

Loving God, you have given us the gift of life and, through your Son, the promise of eternal life. Help us to lead our lives without fear, hatred, anger or judgement. May the gifts we bring bind people together as your children. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Remembering the Story

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal (*the gluten free wafers are on a separate tray*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In Unison*)

We thank you, God for the joy of sharing in this sacred meal. Here, we are granted the fullness of new life and the assurance of forgiveness. May we go forth, from our worship, and share our hope and joy with all of your people. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn

"He Lives"

#226

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever others say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

REFRAIN

He lives, he lives Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. [REFRAIN]

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. [REFRAIN]

Benediction

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Preaching: **Rev. Dr. Richard Brandon**

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Mary Polt**

Usher Team: **Phil Difani**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**

Piano/Organ Duet: **Ellen Brandon & Ruth Notch**

Communion Service: **Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg**

Announcements

We pray for: **Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina, Rev. Peter Muschinske, Anita Paz and Gloria Vaclavik.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

Global Ministries requests that we pray for the **India** this week

... Looking Ahead

Wed	5/7	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting (all welcome we lunch afterwards)
Thu	5/8		Give STL Day (consider giving to St. John's)
Sun	5/11	11:00 AM	Christian Education Mtg.
Mon	5/12	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg.
Sat	5/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter subscribe by email StJohnsUccOnOlive@gmail.com
Mon	5/19	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	5/20	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Briar Club" by Kate Quin
Thu	5/22	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship sign up in Narthex
Mon	5/26		Memorial Day (office closed)
Tue	5/27	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night rsvp sign up in Narthex
Fri	5/30		Summer Office Hours Begin
Sun	6/1	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	6/1	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities
<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

Graduation Celebration! Help us celebrate all of the **graduations & accomplishments** of our students. If someone in your family graduated this year from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, or any accomplishment you want to brag about—send us a **paragraph** with where they are graduating from, what their post-graduation plans are, and a short list of accomplishments they achieved during their education (if you like). **Send the information to the church office at stjohnsuccconolive@gmail.com.** All items due in by May 13th



Save the Date for the St. John's Block Party!
Sunday June 8 following worship. This will be an outdoor picnic at the pavilion and we are inviting our neighbors to join us. More details to come!

St. John's ECC has the following **openings** for the 2025/2026 school year

Rainbow Teacher: 4-5 year olds 8:30-noon M-F

Lunch Bunch Teachers: 11:30-3:00

Substitute Teachers

If interested, please inquire at stjohnsecc@gmail.com or call **636-530-7529**



online giving



News & Events

Join us on Sundays

9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** with coffee and donuts

10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. – **Worship**

In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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05/11/25 Service
Liturgist: **Kathy Scherr**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **Choir**

05/18/25 Service
Liturgist: **Mike Kelly**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **Flute**

05/25/25 Service
Liturgist: **Logan Potts**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**

Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the QR codes below

Movie Day May 1st



Give STL May 8th



Miss Augusta June 6th



Table Fellowship



VBS 7/21 – 7/25 Volunteer



VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



Registration

Altar Flowers



Women's Game Night



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