

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship April 27, 2025
Second Sunday after Easter

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

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

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Hatton arr. Dobrinski

*The Call to Worship Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

* 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]

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

Holy, Creating, Creative God,

We sing from the depths of our sorrow. We sing from the abundance of our joy.

We sing in voices separate and unique. We sing with one voice as your body.

May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song, and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry, be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Children's Time	<i>"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"</i>	Pastor Katie Jo
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	<i>"Crown Him With Many Crowns"</i>	arr. Tucker
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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn	<i>"Open My Eyes, That I May See"</i>	#586 vs1
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!		

Scriptures: Psalm 150

Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

Hymn	<i>"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"</i>	#7 vs1 & 2
When, in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried, "Alleluia!"	How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound "Alleluia!"	

Scriptures: Acts 5:27-32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him

on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *"Trust and Obey"* **#556 vs1**

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

[Refrain:]

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Hymn *"Be Thou My Vision"* **#595**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* **#56 vs1**

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Hymn *"Because He Lives"* **#562 vs1**

God sent His son, they called Him,
Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face
tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Hymn *"Amazing Grace"* **#546 vs1**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Hymn *"Old Rugged Cross"* **#548 vs1**

On a hill far away
stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross
where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

[Refrain:]

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a
crown.

Hymn When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.	<i>"It is Well with my Soul"</i>	#561 vs1 [Refrain:] It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.
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Hymn God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	#464 vs1
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Hymn I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.	<i>"I Love to Tell the Story"</i>	#480 vs1 [Refrain:] I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
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Hymn O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	#33 vs1
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Hymn 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? 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>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	#452 vs1
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Hymn*"Let There Be Peace of Earth"*

#677

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Hymn*"Standing in the Need of Prayer"*

#579

[Refrain:]

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. **[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.

Hymn*"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*

638 vs 1

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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*)

We bring these gifts on behalf of those who hunger, those who seek freedom and justice, those who long to see, and all who have no hope. Help us to accomplish your purpose where we live, work and play. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

494

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**

Usher Team: **John Bartelt**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Lynn Potts**

Handbells: **Norma Armstrong, Jan Boehm, Lee Difani, Barb Nichols, Scott Nichols, Christine Norton, Ruth Notch, Jim Pisoni**

Announcements

Global Ministries requests that we pray for the **South Africa** this week

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.

If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke



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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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... Looking Ahead

Sun	4/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Thu	5/1	1:00 PM	Movie "Ultimate Love" sign up in Narthex
Sat	5/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter
Sun	5/4	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
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	Happy Mother' Day.
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
Sun	5/25	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Mon	5/26		Memorial Day (office closed)
Tue	5/27	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night sign up in Narthex
FRI	5/30		Summer office hours begin (Mon 10:30 T,W,Th 8:30 – 1:30 Fri closed)

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

05/04/25 Service Liturgist: Mary Polt Usher Team: Phil Difani Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Barb Ackerman Special Music: piano/organ duet Communion Service: Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg	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: x
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Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the QR codes below

Movie Day May 1st 	Give STL May 8th 	Women's Game Night 
Altar Flowers 	Gatti Plaque Dedication May 13th.	Subscribe Newsletter 
Table Fellowship 	VBS 7/21 – 7/25 Volunteer 	VBS July 21 – 25, 2025  Registration

May 2025

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 St. John's Early Childhood Center	 Newsletter	
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 Table Fellowship		
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	 Summer Office Hours begin	Mon 10:30 am T-W 8:30 - 1:30 Fri closed



The Briar Club
by Kate Quin

