

St. John's United Church of Christ

7 P.M. Worship November 22, 2022

Giving Thanks to God

Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ. All are welcome here. It is a joy for our congregations to praise God together side by side. As members of St. Thomas UCC and Ivy Chapel UCC join for worship and fellowship. May our worship this night exalt God.

WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

"We Gather Together"

arr. Linker/McFadden

*Call to Worship Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the LORD is God.

All: It is God who made us, to whom we belong. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks and bless God's name.

One: For the LORD is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures for ever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

* Hymn:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#25 verses 1, 2, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.

**All ye who hear,
now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted,
sustaineth.**

Hast thou not seen?

**All that is needful hath been
granted in what God ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples
and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for
manifold graces.**

**Let the Amen
sound from God's people again.
Gladly for ever sing praises.**

*Prayer of Invocation *(In Unison)*

We praise you, extraordinary God, for the holiness of ordinary things — a gathering of fellow believers, a song of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving, a word, a loaf of bread, a cup. Send your spirit to rush, cool and clear, through our dry and brittle places. May the spirit seep into the cracks and crevices of our hearts, that we might know you more fully and worship you more deeply. Amen.

*** Hymn:**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#715

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices,
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us full of grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One
who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to Christ's Table

Prayer of Preparation

One: Praise to you Divine Creator.

All: **Thank you for the gift of life, the beauty of nature, the structure of the law and your steadfast loving kindness.**

One; Praise to you Divine Redeemer.

All: **Thank you for sharing our human existence. From birth through death to everlasting life you have shown us a way worth emulating, bringing healing and hope to those most in need.**

One: Praise to you Divine Sustainer.

All: **Thank you for the vision to see beyond the immediate, a calm in the midst of storm, the strength to build an ever expanding community and the courage to bring about any change necessary within our lives**

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

Prayer of Consecration

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In Unison*)**

For the beauty of creation, the gift of life and your presence with each of us, we give you thanks. Work through us so that we might be channels of your mission in the world, to build your community on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

* Hymn:

"For the Fruit of all Creation"

#714

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Benediction

Postlude

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Hayes

Circle of Concern

Cyndi Miller, Executive Director

St. John's United Church of Christ – Chesterfield

Ruth Notch, Director of Music Ministries

Lisa Hart, Interim Pastor

St. Thomas United Church of Christ

June Jones, Music Director

Margaret Philip, Pastor

Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ

Mike Waller, Minister of Music

Dan Wilson, Pastor

Eden Seminary

Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Vocal Choir: **Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Carolyn Golfin, Don Duperrett, Mary Jane Duperrett, June Jones, Ruth Notch, Gail Schott, Helen Stortz, Sue Wilson**

Handbell Choir:

June Jones, Director

Erin Armstron, Norma Armstrong, Jan Boehm, Karen Bellville, Lee Difani, Pastor Lisa Hart, Barb Nichols, Tim Jones, June Jones, Ruth Notch, Gloria Pettijohn

Piano/Organ Duet: **Ellen Brandon**



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Worship Services

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship and Sunday School

In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual