

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringing 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

"O For A Thousand Tongues"

Glaser arr. Ijames

*The Call to Worship

We are summoned here as children of God, who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the one family of Jesus Christ.

From classroom and kitchen and carpool, we are called into God's presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, softspoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.

This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people: unity and joy and faith, expressed through different gifts.

Praise the Lord!

* Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

#301 Vs 1,2,5 Glory to God

Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and song of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

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

We are here, Lord. We come to be with your people, to join them in your praise, and to learn to live with them and with your world in peace. Give us your blessing, we pray, that as we seek to know your will for us, we may live lives worthy to be called "Christian". Amen.

Special Music

"I Surrender All"

DeVenter arr. Keveren

Time for the Child in us All

Rev Katie Jo Bielke

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." 32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

33 Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn	<i>"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"</i>	#589
<p>Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.</p> <p>Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.</p> <p>Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.</p>		

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** *(In Unison)*

**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)*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the gifts we receive from you and pray you receive our gifts for your kingdom. May they be a blessing and gift in our extended community and the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"Jesu, Jesu"	#600 vs 1-3,5
[Refrain:] Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]	Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain] These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain] Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]	

Benediction

Postlude

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Pastor: Rev. Katie Jo Bielke
Liturgist: Jan Ittner
Usher Team: Larry Sontag
Technology: Steve Hawkinson
Fellowship/Lockup: Monica Hart
Piano Duet: Karen Rocchio & Ruth Notch
Songleaders: Kathy & Mike Scherr

Announcements

We pray for

Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Kevin Beatty, Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina and Gloria Vaclavik. Please let us know your prayer concerns
If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

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

09/29/24 Service

Liturgist: **Rev. Dr. Rich Brandon**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Monica Hart**
Special Music: **Handbells**

10/06/24 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Steve Hawkinson**
Communion Service:
Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg
Special Music: **Choir & Flautist**

10/13/24 Service

Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Steve Hawkinson**

It's that time to think about **Crop Walk** which is 55 years strong this year! The event is **Sept 29th** at **Eden Seminary**. Please consider **donating** to this movement because the funds we raise together will provide lifesaving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

To donate, please go to the Crop Walk website (<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks>) and click on the **'Make a Donation' in the yellow box**. Simply choose an amount and follow the instructions. There is a field that asks for the **name of the participant** please enter **'St.Johns of Chesterfield'**.

Thank you all, because no one in this world should go hungry.

Mike Scherr

Member of the St. John's Mission Team

Want to put your cooking and serving skills to use for a good cause? Then **help** us prepare and serve a meal to **Ronald McDonald House** families!

Date: Sunday, **Sept 29**

Time: **4:30 to 7:30 pm**

Place: 300 Ronald McDonald House Lane, 63141

Questions?

Contact Monica Hart or Susie Pisoni

(RSVP below using the QR code)



In 2024, the **Neighbors in Need** theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will collect the offering on **October 6, 2024**,

... Looking Ahead

Tue	9/24	6:30 PM	Women's Fellowship
Sun	9/29	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	9/29	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	9/29	2:00 PM	Crop Walk
Sun	9/29	4:30 PM	Ronald McDonald House <i>(please RSVP Narthex or QR below)</i>
Fri	10/4	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
Sun	10/6	10:00 AM	Neighbors in Need Offering
Sun	10/6	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	10/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Sat	10/12		Festival of Sharing <i>(please RSVP to help in the Narthex)</i>
Sun	10/13	10:00 AM	Pet Blessing, Outdoor Service at the Pavilion
Sun	10/13	11:00 AM	Christian Education Committee
Mon	10/14	1:00 PM	Exec Council
Mon	10/14		Columbus Day (office closed)
Wed	10/16	9:00 AM	Day trip to Hermann, MO <i>(please RSVP in the Narthex or QR below)</i>
Thu	10/17	6:30 PM	Scam Awareness Presentation by Chesterfield Police Dept
Fri	10/18	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
Fri	10/18	6:00 PM	Circle of Concern Trivia Night <i>(please RSVP in the Narthex)</i>
Sun	10/20	11:00 AM	Medicare Made Easy Ted Gottlieb <i>(please RSVP Narthex or QR)</i>
Mon	10/21	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	10/22	6:30 PM	Women's Fellowship
Thu	10/24	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship at TBD <i>(please RSVP in the Narthex or QR below)</i>
Sat	10/26	10:00 AM	Stemme Farm Picnic Setup <i>(please volunteer)</i>
Sun	10/27	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	10/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/27	5:00 PM	Stemme Farm Picnic <i>(please RSVP in the Narthex or QR below)</i>

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

<https://www.stjohnsucchesterfield.org/fellowship>



RSVP Ronald McDonald House



RSVP Day Trip HERRMANN



RSVP MEDICARE Made Easy



RSVP TABLE FELLOWSHIP



RSVP STEMME FARM

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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