

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

July 19, 2026

VBS Celebration 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*

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

*The Call to Worship

God has given each of us gifts.

I can share my gifts.

When I am scared,

I can be brave.

Wherever I am and whatever I'm doing,

I can give my all.

When I feel disconnected, worried or joyful,

I can pray.

When the world around me seems dark and mean,

I can hope. Amen.

* Hymn	"I Love to Tell the Story"	#480
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. [Refrain:] I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.	I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [Refrain] I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]	

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

O God, every day we encounter new challenges. Some are exciting, some are scary and some are really hard. Remind us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Philippians 4:13

¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

VBS Message

Kids Sing

**"Every Move I Make"
"Philippians Four Thirteen"**

VBS Presentation

Kids Sing

**"Stand Up. Sit Down"
"Lord Listen to your Children Praying"**

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 GOD

Mission Moment - LifeWise Stl

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, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory	VBS Slide Show	
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***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)*

We bring our offerings to the table of Christ, not as taxes to be paid, or as sacrifices to be blessed, but as an outpouring of love. We have known acceptance and healing, forgiveness and grace. All that is dearest to us we give in gratitude for all we have received. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#585

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

Benediction

**Join Us After Service at the pavilion behind the Church for a
VBS Celebration: Foam Truck and Kona Ice. All Are Welcome.**

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**
Special Music: **VBS kids**

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Announcements

Please pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Bill Fogerty's Family,
Josh Kennedy and Family, Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

07/26/26 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**
Special Music: **Clarinet**

08/02/26 Service

Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**
Communion Service:
Helen Stortz & Mary Jane Duperrett

08/09/26 Service

Minister: **Rev Marty Black**
Liturgist: **Warren Stemme**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**

... Looking Ahead

Sun	7/19	10:00 AM	VBS Celebration Sunday
Mon	7/20	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu	7/23	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Paul Manno's
Sun	7/26	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	7/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue	7/28	10:00 AM	Book Club "Grace of the Empire State" by Gemma Tizzard
Tue	7/28	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Sun	8/2	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	8/2	2:00 PM	Rev Carlton Norton's 100'th Birthday (all are invited)
Thu	8/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Mon	8/10	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Mon	8/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Mon	8/17		Bimonthly Newsletter
Tue	8/25	10:00 AM	Book Club "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
Tue	8/25	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu	8/27	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship
Sun	8/30	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	8/30	10:00 AM	Rally Day
Sun	8/30	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting

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

Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code

HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

1. OPEN YOUR CAMERA 2. POINT IT AT THE QR CODE 3. TAP THE LINK THAT POPS UP



Tue 7/14, 21, 28 at 5:00 PM
Chamber Concert Parking



Tue, 7/28 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night



Thu, 7/23 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship
Paul Manno's

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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