

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Oct 11, 2026

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

Creator God, You have made a beautiful world filled with wonder and surprises!

We adore you.

Creator God who has gifted us with the blessing of animals, those in the wild, those on farms, those in our own homes

We adore you.

Creator God, you brought into being that which we could not imagine for ourselves, life we cannot see without the aid of microscopes, animals we can only see in pictures from remote regions of this planet earth.

We adore you.

We thank you for abundant life; for the birds we hear in the morning, for the drone of the bees when we are outside, for the vast tapestry of life which is interwoven,

We give you thanks and praise.

* Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#56

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.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

God of the mountains and valleys, oceans and streams, cities and suburbs, we open our hearts to you. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise. Fill us with hope. Gently heal our brokenness and touch our hearts with your love. Open our hearts to your presence and help us love you every day of our lives. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures Psalm 148

Praise for God's Universal Glory

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
**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.**

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.
And 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

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.)

*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.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"All Creatures of Our God and King"</i>	#22
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam: Refrain O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise God, Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice [Refrain]	O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, [Refrain] And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. [Refrain]	

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

Announcements

Please pray for
**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,
Mike Kelly, Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

Thank you for your prayers for **Josh Kennedy and his family.**
He has been given a clean bill of health.

10/18/26 Service
Liturgist: **Mary Polt**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Chris Norton**
Special Music: **Handbells**

10/25/26 Service
Liturgist: **Craig Bielke**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **Choir, Vocalist**

11/01/26 Service
Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jackie Ruff**
Special Music: **Violin**

... Looking Ahead

Sun 10/11 11:00 AM	Adopt a Highway (join us after service, see the Pisonis')
Mon 10/12	Columbus Day Office Closed
Sat 10/17	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Sat 10/17	Poinsettia Orders Begin
Sun 10/18 11:00 AM	Alzheimer Association Speaker" Brain Health" (RSVP)
Mon 10/19 6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu 10/22 5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Circle 7 Ranch (join us)
Sun 10/25 9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun 10/25 9:30 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun 10/25 5:00 PM	Church Picnic at Stemme Farm (RSVP)
Tue 10/27 10:00 AM	Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali (info)
Tue 10/27 6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (join us)
Fri 10/30	Preschool Halloween Parade
Sat 10/31	Halloween
Sun 11/1 10:00 AM	Family Worship Sunday with Communion
Sun 11/1	Daylight Saving Time ends
Mon 11/2 10:00 AM	Chocolate, Chocolate, with a tour of the Hill
Tue 11/3	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Wed 11/4	Angel Tree begins
Thu 11/5 11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Mon 11/9 1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Mon 11/9 6:00 PM	Christmas Card Making

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 codes on the next page.

HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

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



Sat, 11/14 8:00 AM
Habitat for Humanity



Bimonthly Newsletter 10/17
(subscribe)



Sun, 10/18 11:00 AM
Alzheimer Association
Speaker "Brain Health" (RSVP)



Sun, 10/25 5:00 PM
Stemme Farm Church Picnic
(RSVP)



4th Tue of the Month, 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night
(RSVP)



4th Thu of the month 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship
(RSVP)

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services. Join us live or watch the YouTube video later.

Facebook: livestream:



YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



Offering



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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11  Pet Blessing 	12  1 pm Exc Cncl Mtg 	13	14	15	16	17 Poinsettia Orders Begin 
18  Alzheimer Speaker "Brain Health" 	19 6 pm Council Meeting 	20	21	22  5:30 pm Table Fellowship Circle 7	23	24
25  9:15 am Loaves & Fishes 9:30 am Mission Meeting 5 pm Stemme Church Picnic 	26  Church Picnic 	27  10 am Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali 6:30 pm Women's Game Night 	28	29	30 10 am ECC Parade 	31 Halloween 