

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation Psalm 133 A Song of Ascents, sung on the way into the temple.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD's blessing was ordained, life for evermore.

Welcome and Announcements

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

*** Passing of the Peace**

"Peace be with you!"

Prelude

"Give Thanks"

Smith arr. Bock

***Call to Worship**

One: O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**All: Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

One: Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvellous works among all the peoples.

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
to be revered above all gods.**

One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**All: Honor and majesty are before the Lord;
in whose sanctuary are strength and beauty.**

***Hymn**

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

**sung to "For All
the Saints"**

**When in our mu-sic God is glo-ri-fied,
and ad-o-ra-tion leaves no room for pride
it is as though, the whole cre-a-tion cried,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**How of-ten, mak-ing music we have found
a new di-men-sion, in the world of sound,
as wor-ship moved, us to a more pro-found
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**So has the church, in lit-ur-gy and song,
in faith and love, through cen-tu-ries of wrong,
borne wit-ness ot the truth in ev-ery tongue:
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!**

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

How good and pleasant it is, O God, when kindred live together in unity. Draw us now into the community you intend for all your people. Help us to listen and understand, both your word for us and our sharing with one another. May we be open to one another and to fully open to your gifts. Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Call to Confession

Confession (*In Unison*)

Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves and the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you. Give us strength to seek forgiveness and give forgiveness to one another, even within our own families. Cleanse us for new life in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

* Response	<i>"Glory to God Whose Goodness"</i>	
	Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen	

Time for the Child in us All

Ruth Notch

Be kind, to one another,
That's what God wants us to be.
Be kind, to one another,
Me to you, and you to me.
Me to you, and you to me.

Hymns

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.**

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.)

*** Hymn**

"This is my Story"

chorus to Blessed Assurance #543

**This is my story, this is my song;
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

*** Prayer of Dedication (*In Unison*)**

God of many blessings, whose gifts to us are more numerous than we can count, show us how to use those benefits according to your will and purpose that opportunities may be opened for all your children and unity may become a reality among us. May we know a taste of eternal life in the quality of our mutual caring and our sharing with a needy world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Benediction

One: God be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face to shine upon us,

**All: that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**All: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

One: May God continue to bless us;

All: let all the ends of the earth revere God. Amen.

Postlude

Preaching:	Pastor Lisa Hart
Director of Music Ministry:	Ruth Notch
Liturgist:	Carol Tindira
Usher Team:	Ken Ruff
Technology Team:	Steve Hawkinson
Fellowship & Lockup:	Ken Ruff
Piano/Organ duet:	Pastor Lisa Hart/ Ruth Notch

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Announcements

We pray for **June Evers, Elizabeth Hart, Bill Lubbin, Ellen Meier, Jeannie Rucker, Barbara Tretter, and Paul Van Driest.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns

08/27/23 Service

Liturgist: **Daniel Dolan**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Ken Ruff**
Special Music: **Jennifer Adams** (flute)

9/3/23 Service

Liturgist: **Reverend Richard Brandon**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Ken Ruff**
Special Music: **Rebecca Hill** (clarinet)

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

A Look Ahead

8/21	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
8/22	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
8/26	12:00 PM	Sharefest Drive Information Shared
8/27	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
8/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting (<i>in library</i>)
8/27	10 AM	No Sunday School
8/28	6:00 PM	Visioning Committee
8/29	9:00 AM	ECC Staff Meeting
8/31	9:30 AM	ECC Visit Day
9/1	9:30 AM	ECC Visit Day
9/2	12:00 PM	Sharefest Drive MO Food Box
9/3	10 AM	Communion Sunday
9/3	11 AM	Senior Ministry meeting (<i>in library</i>)
9/3	10 AM	No Sunday School
9/4	8:00 AM	Labor Day (<i>office closed</i>)
9/5	9:00 AM	ECC Begins
9/9	12:00 PM	Sharefest Drive MO Personal Hygiene
9/10	10:00 AM	Rally Day
9/11	4:30 PM	Christian Education Committee meeting
9/16	12:00 PM	Sharefest Drive MO Paper Product
9/17	10:00 AM	Sunday School Begins
9/18	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
9/20	9:00 AM	ECC Parent Coffee
9/21	9:00 AM	ECC Parent Coffee

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

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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