

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

May 31, 2026

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

"How Majestic is Your Name"

Smith arr. Raney

*The Call to Worship

By the calling of God's Holy Spirit, we gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share the love and life of God the Father, may we be renewed in the refreshing Holy Spirit in the presence of the living Christ. Amen.

* Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#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]

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

You are holy, O Lord our Creator and God, giving us mercies beyond number. You are holy, O Savior Jesus Christ, loving and setting us free. You are holy, O Spirit of truth and peace, leading us in ways that are right. O holy eternal Trinity, we praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

Pastor Katie Jo

"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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2:4a****Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath**

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed

that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. **2** On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"	#4
	<p>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> <p>Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever-living, through eternity.</p> <p>Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.</p> <p>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</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 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.)

Offering

"All Creatures of Our God & King"

arr. iJames

***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)**

Holy one, receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

#459

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

[Refrain:]

With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: [Refrain]

Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: [Refrain]

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: [Refrain]

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: [Refrain]

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Christine Norton**
Flautist: **Jennifer Adams**

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Announcements

Please pray for

**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener
Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, and Anita Paz.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

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, 6/2, 9,16,23,30 at 5 pm
Chamber Concert Parking



Sat, 6/6 8 am
Habitat Build



Sun 6/7 11 am
Campbell House & Lunch



6/14 11 am
Church Picnic



Tue, 6/23 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night



Thu, 6/25 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship Edge Wild

06/07/26 Service

Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**

Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Nora Amato**

Special Music: **Violin**

Communion Service: **Donna Switzer & Mary Polt**

06/14/26 Service

Liturgist: **Mary Polt**

Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Nora Amato**

Special Music: **Clarinet**

06/21/26 Service

Liturgist: **Craig Bielke**

Usher Team: **John Bartelt**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Nora Amato**

Special Music: **bells & choir**

... Looking Ahead

Sun	5/31	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue	6/2	5:00 PM	Chamber Concert Parking (volunteers needed)
Wed	6/3		Bimonthly Newsletter
Thu	6/4	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Sat	6/6	8:00 AM	Habitat Build
Sun	6/7	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	6/7	11:00 AM	Campbell House with Lunch at The Fountain on Locust
Sun	6/14	11:00 AM	Church Picnic
Mon	6/15	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed	6/17		Bimonthly Newsletter
Fri	6/19		Juneteenth
Sun	6/21		Happy Father's Day
Tue	6/23	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu	6/25	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Edge Wild
Sun	6/28	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	6/28	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue	6/30	10:00 AM	Book Club "A Girl Called Samson" by Amy Harmon
Thu	7/2	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting

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

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

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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June 14th Church Picnic

You are invited to the Church Picnic!
Sunday June 14 from 11:00am-1:00pm at the pavilion.
 Food & drinks will be provided, feel free to bring a dish to share.
 Fun games and activities for both kids and adults!
 Grillers Needed
 Volunteers needed to set up & clean up!
 Questions contact Barb Ackerman

St Thomas has invited you to join them June 6 & 7 for air show viewing.
 Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.
 Support our programs by purchasing from their concession stand.

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

Facebook: livestream:



YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



Offering



June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  variety the children's charity St. Louis	2	3  NEWSLETTER	4 11 am Sr Min Meeting  Senior Ministry	5	6 8 am Habitat Build  Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis
7  11 am Campbell House Tour  Senior Ministry	8 Ex Cncl Mtg 1 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Church Picnic 11 am  Church Picnic	15 6 pm Council Meeting 	16	17  NEWSLETTER	18	19 Juneteenth  JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY	20
21  FATHER'S DAY	22	23 6 pm  Girls Night Out	24	25 5:30 pm Table Fellowship 	26	27
28 9 am Loave & Fishes 11 am Mission Meeting 	29	30 10 am  BOOK CLUB	31			