

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Oct 4, 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

Prelude

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Behnke

*The Call to Worship

God who comes to us in Word and Spirit, calls us to a table set for all who hunger.

We hunger for grace and forgiveness; we hunger for justice and peace.

God knows and meets our deepest hungers with bread which always satisfies.

Thanks be to God who blesses and feeds all human yearnings, and who does this through our feeble, simple human hands.

*** Hymn**

"We Are the Church"

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the Church!

We are the Church together!

All who follow Jesus, All around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

**The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.**

Refrain

**We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.**

Refrain

**Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.**

Refrain

**And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:**

Refrain

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Heavenly One, Your reach extends to every person, every nation, offering grace, forgiveness, and hope. Make us grateful for a place at your feast, humble before your love and generosity, rejoicing in the beauty of each sibling. Make us faithful in honouring and welcoming all, eager in sharing what we have found in you- safety, belonging, identity, a home of nurture and sending forth. Amen.

"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: Matthew 21:33-46****The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. 37 Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

43 "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us,
and for our life he died.**

**Called forth from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

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.)

Offertory***"In Christ There is No East or West"*****Hayes*****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*)**

God of all good gifts, we've gathered to grow in faith, to share our voices and to offer our gifts. We've brought these gifts, grateful for all we receive from your hand. Receive this offering. Fill us once more with your Spirit, and help us spread the Table love known here to all we encounter in the coming days. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table & Story

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

We come from many people, many places, many traditions.

We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—

We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Christ welcomes us all.

Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Christ welcomes us all.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us.

Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

At Christ's table, there is room for all.

Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal (All communion bread pieces in the trays are gluten free)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In Unison*)

God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people. Keep us faithful to one another and to you. Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace. One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"One Bread, One Body"	#393
One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord Gentile or Jew Servant or free Woman or man No more One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord Many the gifts, many the works One in the Lord Of all	One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord Grain for the fields scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord	

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
 Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
 Liturgist: **Todd Armstrong**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Carol Tindira**
 Violin: **Tom Winter**
 Communion Service: **Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg**

Announcements

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

10/11/26 Service
Pet Blessing
 Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

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**

... Looking Ahead

Sun 10/4 10:00 AM	Neighbors in Need Offering (donate with qrcode below)
Mon 10/5	Last day to drop off Festival of Sharing packs
Sat 10/10	GHSP Build (volunteer using qrcode below)
Sun 10/11 10:00 AM	Service & Pet Blessing at the pavilion
Sun 10/11 11:00 AM	Adopt a Highway (volunteer using qrcode below)
Mon 10/12 1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Mon 10/12	Columbus Day Office Closed
Sat 10/17	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
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)

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



Sun 10/4 10:00 AM
Neighbors in Need



Sat, 10/10 9:00 AM
Gateway Housing Service Project



Sun, 10/11 11:00 AM
Adopt a Highway



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



Bimonthly Newsletter
(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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We are pulling together for Ronald McDonald House Charities! Drop your aluminum tabs into the bins to help families staying near hospitalized children.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  Family Worship Sunday with Communion 	5 Last day to bring in Sharefest 	6 	7	8 	9	10  CHSP GSHP Build Sharefest Drop Off 
11  Pet Blessing	12 1 pm Exc Cncl Mtg 	13	14	15	16	17 
18 Alzheimer : "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  Mission Church Picnic	27  10 am Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali 6:30 pm Women's Game Night	28  Girls Night Out	29	30 10 am ECC Parade 	31 Halloween 