

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

Prayer in Preparation Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.' The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand. Our church is following the current CDC guidelines.)*

Prelude

"Come to the Table"

Frey, Glover, McDonald

***Call to Worship**

One: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

One: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

One: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

All: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*** Hymn:**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#86 verses 1 and 3

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time for the Child in Us All

Reverend Rich Brandon

Special Music

Gather Us In

Haugen

Scriptures: Lamentations 3:19-26 and Psalm 37:1-9

One: Here ends the reading. May God add blessings to the reading and hearing of the scriptures.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Message

*** Hymn:** *"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"*

#87

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing, I will sing,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing, I will sing,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

**With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations,**

Pastoral Prayer

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 [online](#), by text at 833-502-0657, or by 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, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept our humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation ...

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. . . .who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Response Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts #51

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heav'n and earth are full of thee!

Heav'n and earth are praising thee, O God most high!

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.

*** Hymn:**

"One Bread, One Body"

#393 verses 1 and 2

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

Breaking Bread

***Prayer after Communion (*In Unison*)**

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn:

"I Come with Joy"

#420 verses 1, 2, 5

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world,
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Benediction

Postlude

Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

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Preaching: **Pastor Lisa Hart**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Rev. Rich Brandon**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology Team: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
Chancel Choir: **Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Jeanne Buchner,
Don Duperrett, Mary Jane Duperrett, Carolyn Golfin, Susie Pisoni,
Helen Stortz, Evelyn Weber**

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Announcements

We pray for **Shirley Carmack, Betty Gschwind, A.J. Switzer and Paul VanDriest**
Please let us know your prayer concerns.

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the **Thailand** this week

BEHOLD! With your assistance, we together can help our **Neighbors in Need** Please give generously. **Today.** Contributions to Neighbors in Need may be made online at any time

Join us after service for a conversation about taxed advantaged giving in Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome.

Saint Louis Metro **CROP Hunger Walk** is Today. Please donate by check made out to St. John's ('Crop Walk' in the memo) or by going on the Crop Walk website. If donating online, they should search for "St. Johns UCC of Chesterfield" (exactly as written) and donate via credit card.

Saint Louis Metro **CROP Hunger Walk** registration is open
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/saintlouismo>

In the month of October, our Mission Team is asking for your prayerful consideration in donating to the United Church of Christ's **Pakistan relief effort**. The summer monsoon season there has dropped nearly triple the average annual rainfall, causing devastating flooding. The number of deaths has risen to over 1,600 people. Please see the newsletter for more information and links.

10/09/22 Service
Liturgist: **Mike Kelly**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Carol Tindira**

10/16/22 Service
Liturgist: **Carol Tindira**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Kathy Rizzo**

A Look Ahead

10/2/22	10 am	Neighbors in Need offering World Communion Sunday
10/2/22	11:00 AM	Stewardship Speaker
10/2/22	4:30 pm	Crop Walk
10/9/22		Totenfest Names Due
10/16/22	11 am	Presentation by Nicholas Frei.
10/23/22		Stemme Farm Picnic
10/25/22		Bunko Women's Fellowship
10/30/22	9:15 am	Loaves & Fishes
10/30/22	10 am	Totenfest
10/30/22	11 am	Trunk o Treat after service.
10/31/22		Halloween
11/1/22		All saints day

Please check your **News Notes** specific information around **upcoming activities**

Our Mission Ministry Team has received from the UCC Global Missions Board the information on our St. John's **sponsored child, Kayla**, who is a recently placed resident of the Pringle Home for Girls in Jamaica. You can get involved by

- **Donating \$30 for a month of sponsorship**
- **Writing letters and cards and dropping them in the plate or office**
- **Creating a care package to send to Kayla.**

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Worship Services

9:00 a.m. - Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. –Worship and Sunday School
In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual