

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Easter

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	"One Bread One Body"	Foley arr. Hayes
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*The Call to Worship

We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

In God's realm we will find healing and hope.

We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.

We are called to be those who would serve.

May God be with us as we serve by helping those in need.

* 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)*

O God, creator of this family, like willful children we disobey you; yet you open your arms to us with love and compassion. Soften our hearts and warm our hands so that we may lead others to your embrace, saying "Children of God, you are welcome here." May the grace of God, love of Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit bless this time of worship. Amen.

**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 12:46-50**

The True Kindred of Jesus

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." ⁴⁸ But to the one who had told him this, Jesus^[b] replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Message

*** Hymn**

"One Bread, One Body"

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**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
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**

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 THE WORD OF 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, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory

***Doxology**

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, we thank you for this opportunity to express our love to you through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work in near and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can share in extending the gospel and helping to heal humanity's pain, for we bring them to you with grateful hearts. Amen.

Communion

Invitation

Telling the Story

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal (the wafers in the middle of the bread trays are gluten free)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In Unison)*

We give thanks, loving God, for the bond of this ritual that links us in solidarity to all who have called upon your name. May your wisdom grow within us. Send us out into the world as people of courage, compassion and commitment. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Warren Stemme**
Piano Duet: **Ruth Notch – Karen Rocchio**
ComServ: **Donna Switzer & Mary Polt**

Announcements

We pray for: **Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Cherie Messina, Rev. Peter Muschinske, Anita Paz and Gloria Vaclavik.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

Global Ministries requests that we pray for the **Kenya** this week

... Looking Ahead

Sun	6/1	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	6/1	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	6/1	4:30 PM	Ronald McDonald House
Tue	6/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter subscribe by email StJohnsUccOnOlive@gmail.com
Wed	6/4		Muny RSVPs for the show on the 19 th need to be in.
Wed	6/4	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Fri	6/6	11:00 AM	Miss Augusta
Sun	6/8	10:00 AM	Strengthen the Church Offering
Sun	6/8	11:30 AM	St. John's Block Party (please rsvp and feel free to bring a dish)
Mon	6/9	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Sun	6/15		Happy Father's Day
Mon	6/16	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	6/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter subscribe by email StJohnsUccOnOlive@gmail.com
Tue	6/17	10:00 AM	Book Club "Someone Like You" by Karen Kingsbury
Thu	6/19	7:00 PM	A Night at the Muny
Thu	6/19		Juneteenth Holiday
Tue	6/24	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu	6/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due EOD
Thu	6/26	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship
Sun	6/29	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	6/29	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting

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



online giving



News & Events

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		15370 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield MO 63017 (636) 532-0540 stjohnsuccconolive@gmail.com www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org
06/08/25 Service Liturgist: Susie Pisoni Usher Team: Phil Difani Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Warren Stemme Special Music: Flautist	06/15/25 Service Liturgist: Craig Bielke Usher Team: Ken Ruff Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Warren Stemme Special Music: choir, piano/organ duet	06/22/25 Service Liturgist: Helen Stortz Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Warren Stemme Special Music: x
Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the QR codes below		
Miss Augusta June 6th 	6/8 Strengthen the Church  Offering	6/8 St. John's Block Party 
A Night at the Munny  June 19th	Women's Game Night  June 24th	Table Fellowship  June 26th
Altar Flowers 	VBS 7/21 – 7/25 Volunteer 	VBS July 21 – 25, 2025  Registration
	Subscribe Newsletter 	

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   11 am Mission mtg		 3	4	5	6 	7
8  NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY Pentecost Strengthen the Church Offering	1 pm Ex Cncl Mtg 15	10	11	12	13	14 
 Happy Father's DAY	16	17  	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24 	25	26 	27	28
29 	30					
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