

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

Prayer in Preparation

Holy God, we thank you for the example of Jesus who made prayer the bedrock of his life and taught us to do the same. Through prayer he received strength to choose faithfulness rather than give in to temptation. Through prayer he remained connected to you and was sustained by your Spirit for the tasks of ministry. Through prayer he healed, taught, forgave and called. Through prayer he met the trials of life with grace, refusing to react in anger, blame or condemnation. Merciful Savior, grant us a deeper desire for prayer as we seek to follow Christ's example. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

"Down to the River to Pray"

Spiritual

***Call to Worship**

One: It was Augustine who said, "A Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot."

All: Too often, Lord, I am a funeral dirge, spreading gloom and pessimism, mixed with worry and fear.

One: Put a new song in my heart, God. Create in me a new heart.

All: Remold and remake me into your personal alleluia.

***Response**

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

#41

Halle-Halle-Halleluja.

Halle-Halle-Halleluja.

Halle-Halle-Halleluja.

Halleluja. Halleluja.

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

O God, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day, and make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us the maturity to accept your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness. Grant to us your Spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#305

Refrain:

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time for the Child in Us All

Rev Rich Brandon

Special Music

"If My People Will Pray"

Owens/arr. Christopher

Drama: Monica Hart and Brian Spahr

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.

Scriptures: **Luke 11:1-13**

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:

"Teach Us to Pray"

tune #15

Christ, teach us how to pray and help us to discern
How we should act, what we should say,
For we are slow to learn.
God loves, God cares, for all of humankind.

Just ask; you will receive, just search and you will find.
Just have the courage to believe
With heart and soul and mind.
God loves, God cares, for all of humankind.

Know God as Parent true; pray "hallowed be your name."
Cry out for bread each day anew;
Make food for all your aim.
God loves, God cares, for all of humankind.

We seek God's coming reign, and reach for it today.
We want to live in God's domain,
For you, Christ, point the way.
God loves, God cares, for all of humankind.

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)**

Holy God, we worship you with our offerings. We dedicate our gifts to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We put our confidence in you, that the mystery of your glorious Word may be opened up among all your people. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

ONE: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

ALL: Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.

We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.

ONE: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;

Delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

ALL: Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast. Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.

ONE: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship. We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

ALL: We come to share the Bread of life and drink the Living Water.

ONE: The feast on this table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

ALL: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Communion Prayer

Sung Response: #51

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of Thee!

Heaven and earth are praising Thee, O Lord most high!

Words of Institution

ONE: Great is the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will be with us always.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

ONE: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and this cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.

ALL: Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt and light and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)**

We are grateful for the gracious invitation to your table. No other meal sates our hunger, quenches our thirst and fills our hearts the way your banquet does. Fill us with your Spirit and empower us to share the good news of the gospel through our words and actions so those who don't know you will learn that you are the bread of life and the living water. We look forward to the day your kingdom is fulfilled so no one suffers from hunger or thirst. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Benediction

* Hymn:

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

#579

[Refrain:]

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

**Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

**Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

Preaching: **Pastor Lisa Hart**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
Soloist: **Meher Arora**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology Team: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Ken Ruff**

COPYRIGHT NOTICE - © Music used with permission of Christian Copyright Licensing, Inc. #696970

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
In celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary
of Brock and Laura Ayers.**

Announcements

We extend our Christian **sympathy** to the entire **Wagner family**.

Donna Wagner was taken into God's care and keeping Monday, August 1, 2022
She was the beloved **mother of Rick Wagner** and dear grandmother of Josh, Michael and Elizabeth
The **service** for Donna Wagner will be **Mon, Aug 8, at 11 am** at **Newcomer Funeral Home**.

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

08/14/22 Service

Liturgist: **Amanda Jones**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Ken Ruff**

08/21/22 Service

Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Ken Ruff**

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

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. Please **see the newsletter** for more information about how you can get involved.

A Look Ahead

8/7/22	11:00 AM	"What is God Calling Us to Be?"
8/13/22	9:00 AM	Highway Cleanup
8/21/22		No Sunday School
8/23/22	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
8/28/22		No Sunday School
8/28/22	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes sandwich making
September		Festival of Sharing Collection
9/4/22		No Sunday School
9/5/22		Labor Day Office Closed

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

St. John's United Church of Christ

15370 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield MO 63017

(636) 532-0540

stjohnsucconolive@gmail.com

www.stjohnsucchesterfield.org

Worship Services

9:00 a.m. - Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. - Worship and Sunday School

In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual