

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

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

"In Christ Alone"

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***The Call to Worship**

God has called us to this place. What do you see?

We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.

God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as God's beloved.

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

We will do one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!

*** Hymn**

"We Gather Together"

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**We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.**

**Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.**

**May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God make us free!**

***Gathering Prayer** *(In Unison)*

**Still our spirits, O God, as we gather in this sacred space to join in worship. May
the quietness of your presence bring us back to the center of life, so that we may
be ready to receive your mission, and be refreshed by your Spirit to carry it out.
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: Amos 8:1-12****The Basket of Fruit**

8 This is what the Lord GOD showed me: a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will spare them no longer.

³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,"

says the Lord GOD;

"the dead bodies shall be many,

cast out in every place. Be silent!"

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier

and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD,

I will make the sun go down at noon

and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning

and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins

and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son

and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,

when I will send a famine on the land,

not a famine of bread or a thirst for water,

but of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea

and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Message

* Hymn	"Take My Life"	#609 vs 1-3,6
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.	Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.	

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	"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"	Lemmel
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*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*)

Accept, O Lord, the offering we seek to make, of ourselves and our money; and
grant that we may ever work and pray to build a world of peace and joy and
freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
Vocalist: **Meher Arora**



Join us after Service for VBS decorating.
All are welcome.

Announcements

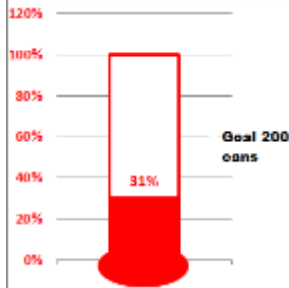
We pray for: **Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Cherie Messina, Anita Paz, Heidi Roberson, Melanie Spangler and Gloria Vaclavik.**

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

Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Sri Lanka** this week

Needed: Postcards from all over.

In VBS we are taking a Road Trip with God, so we are looking for postcards from all over to hang on our bulletin board. Please **ask friends and family** from out of town to send postcards by July 14 to St. John's UCC 15370 Olive Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63017.



VBS and PBJ

We will again be having a **Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive** this year during **VBS**. Bring in jars of peanut butter and jelly to donate to Circle of Concern. Feel free to drop them in the Narthex, office or the bin out front. **July 7th through Sunday the 27th.**

07/27/25 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
 Special Music: **VBS kids**

08/03/25 Service

Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Monica Hart**
 Special Music: **Flautist**
 Communion Service:
Donna Switzer & Mary Polt

08/10/25 Service

Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Monica Hart**
 Special Music: **Trumpet**

Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the QR codes below



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News & Events

Subscribe Newsletter



Women's Game Night



June 24th

Table Fellowship



June 26th

Altar Flowers



VBS 7/21 – 7/25 Volunteer



VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



Registration

... Looking Ahead

Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive

Sun	7/20	11:00 AM	VBS Decorating Sunday
Mon	7/21	9:00 AM	VBS
Mon	7/21	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	7/22	9:00 AM	VBS
Tue	7/22	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Wed	7/23	9:00 AM	VBS
Thu	7/24	9:00 AM	VBS
Thu	7/24	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship (<i>Charro's Mexican Restaurant 14839 Clayton Rd</i>)
Fri	7/25	9:00 AM	VBS
Sat	7/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Sun	7/27	10:00 AM	VBS Sunday Celebration with Cool Car Cruise in & Ice Cream Truck
Tue	7/29	10:00 AM	Book Club "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger
Tue	7/29	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger
Thu	7/31	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger
Sun	8/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter
Sun	8/3	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	8/3	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	8/3	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue	8/5	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger
Wed	8/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting (all are welcome)
Thu	8/7	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger
Sat	8/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Sun	8/10	11:00 AM	Christian Education Mtg
Mon	8/11	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Tue	8/12	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger
Thu	8/14	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger
Sun	8/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe using the QR code below)
Sun	8/17	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Backpacks
Mon	8/18	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	8/19	10:00 AM	Coffee with Rev. Dollenger

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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