

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

June 28, 2026

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringing 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Linker

*The Call to Worship

We are called together this day to praise God.

We ask God to put us in pathways of service to others.

The Lord will walk with us as we faithfully witness to Christ's love.

Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your words and will.

Come, let us worship God!

Let us sing our praises to God our Redeemer and Healer.

* Hymn

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

#21

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

"Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!

Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!

Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!

Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!

Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!

Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!

Raise the anthem manifold; Alleluia!

Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!

Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, so that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm, and courage in the way of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

Pastor Katie Jo

"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.

Special Music

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Raney

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Genesis 22:1-14

The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn	<i>"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"</i>	#254
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.	Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.	
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.	Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.	

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 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.)

Offering

"Trust and Obey"

***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)**

We bring our offering to the table of Christ, not as taxes to be paid, or as sacrifices to be blessed, but as an outpouring of love. We have known acceptance and healing, forgiveness and grace. All that is dearest to us we give in gratitude for all we have received. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord"

#452

**I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save**

**I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away**

**I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send? [Chorus]**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save**

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Chorus]**

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Mike Kelly**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Nora Amato**
Special Music: **Jennifer Adams, flute**

Announcements

Please pray for
Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener
Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, and Anita Paz.

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

Barb Ackerman wanted to thank everyone for all your prayers for her nephew, Tyler Ackerman. He collapsed on May 30, 2025, from a massive brain bleed caused by a ruptured aneurysm. Great news after seven months of extensive physical and speech therapy at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital in Colorado, he's now back home in Missouri. She can't wait to see him this weekend! It will be the first time after he was released from St. Louis University Hospital last November.

07/05/26 Service Liturgist: Kathy Scherr Usher Team: Ken Ruff Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Phil Difani Communion Service: Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg	07/12/26 Service Liturgist: Jan Ittner Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Phil Difani Special Music: Trumpet	07/19/26 Service Liturgist: Carolyn Golfin Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Phil Difani
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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



Tue, 16,23,30
5 pm Chamber Concert Parking



Tue, 6/23 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night



Thu, 6/25 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship Edge Wild

... Looking Ahead

Sun	6/28	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue	6/30	10:00 AM	Book Club "A Girl Called Samson" by Amy Harmon
Thu	7/2	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Fri	7/3		Bimonthly Newsletter
Sat	7/4		Independence Day
Sun	7/5	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
	7/13 - 17	9 - 11:45 AM	VBS Week
Mon	7/13	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Fri	7/17		Bimonthly Newsletter
Sun	7/19	10:00 AM	VBS Celebration Sunday

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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Offering

