

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

October 18, 2026

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

"Ring Joy"

Mitchell

*The Call to Worship

All good gifts come from God, and we delight in them.

God's gifts are ours to use – to steward faithfully as stewards of the mysteries of faith.

Let us bring forth all that we are to offer to our Creator!

We come with joy to offer our lives anew!

* Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#66

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

* Gathering Prayer (In Unison)

Lord of diversity and union, we call upon you this day to open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of your world.
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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Scriptures: Matthew 22:15-22****The Question about Paying Taxes**

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message**Pastor Katie Jo***** Hymn***"We Give Thee but Thine Own"***#382 1,2,4,5**

**We give Thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.**

**The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christ-like thing.**

**And we believe thy Word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
we do it unto 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.

And 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.)

Offertory***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)**

Generous God, receive our offerings as acceptance to your invitation to the kingdom life. May they be used to spread abundance, generate hope, and meet needs. We give thanks for this opportunity to participate in your kingdom come and your will be done in our community and the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"Take My Life"	#609 vs 1-4
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 silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.	

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Mary Polt**

Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Chris Norton**

Handbells: **Norma Armstrong, Pastor Katie Jo Bielke, Jan Boehm, Lee Difani,
Barb Nichols, Scott Nichols, Christine Norton, Ruth Notch**

Please stay for an informative session on Alzheimer's prevention and brain health after the service. All are welcome.

Announcements

Please pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,
Mike Kelly, Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.**

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

Thank you for your prayers for **Josh Kennedy and his family.**
He has been given a clean bill of health.

10/25/26 Service

Liturgist: **Craig Bielke**

Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**

Special Music: **Choir, Vocalist**

11/01/26 Service

Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**

Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Jackie Ruff**

Special Music: **Violin**

11/08/26 Service

Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**

Usher Team: **John Bartelt**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Jackie Ruff**

... Looking Ahead

Sun	10/18	11:00 AM	Alzheimer Association Speaker" Brain Health" All are welcome.
Mon	10/19	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu	10/22	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Circle 7 Ranch (join us)
Sun	10/25	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	10/25	9:30 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/25	5:00 PM	Church Picnic at Stemme Farm (RSVP)
Tue	10/27	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali (info)
Tue	10/27	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (join us)
Fri	10/30		Preschool Halloween Parade
Sat	10/31		Halloween
Sun	11/1	10:00 AM	Family Worship Sunday with Communion
Sun	11/1		Daylight Saving Time ends
Mon	11/2	10:00 AM	Chocolate, Chocolate, with a tour of the Hill
Tue	11/3		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Wed	11/4		Angel Tree Begins
Thu	11/5	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting

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Sun, 10/25 5:00 PM
Stemme Farm Church Picnic
 (RSVP)



Bimonthly Newsletter 10/17
 (subscribe)



Book Club "The Lion
 Women of Tehran" by
 Marjan Kamali
 (info)



Sat, 11/14 8:00 AM
Habitat for Humanity



4th Tue of the Month, 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night
 (RSVP)



4th Thu of the month 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship
 (RSVP)

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services. Join us live or watch the YouTube video later.

Facebook: livestream:



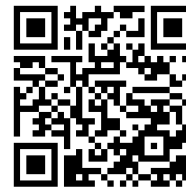
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Offering



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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