

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

June 15, 2025

First 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	"Come Thou Fount"	Wyeth arr Smith/Hustad
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*The Call to Worship

From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.

When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.

Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!

For the Trinity of understanding, we sing praise!

Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore! AMEN.

* Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"	#4
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever-living, through eternity. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!		

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

Spirit of Wisdom and Hope, we witness your glory in the heavens and hear your call to us. We are sometimes overwhelmed by the thought of your compassionate care. Open our hearts this day to hear and respond in joy to your call, that we may serve you faithfully all our days. AMEN.

Children's Time

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Pastor Katie Jo

**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.**

A Litany for Father's Day by Ali Van Kuiken

Our Lord Jesus Christ called God his heavenly Father and Joseph his earthly father. Let us come before our heavenly Father with our gratitude, praying for God's blessing and offering up all our experiences with our earthly fathers in prayer.

Gracious God, we pray your blessing upon the fathers, step-fathers, adopted fathers, and grandfathers of our lives.

Good God, bless our fathers.

We pray for your blessing upon our uncles, brothers, mentors, and friends who have been our examples and role models.

Bless them, O Lord.

We pray for your strength for men who are tired and weary each day, yet feel the weight of responsibility upon them.

Strengthen them, O Lord.

We pray in gratitude for the fathers who have cared for us, protected us, guided us, and taught us.

We thank you, O Lord.

We lift up the imperfections of our fathers, who tried the best they could, who did not know how to try, and who made mistakes along the way.

Forgive them and uphold them, O Lord.

We pray your blessing upon the men in our lives that they will follow the example of Joseph, the father of Jesus, to live godly, creative, and loving lives.

We thank you, O God, and we bless you.

We bless you for the care we have received and ask that you will hold us in the totality and complexity of our experience. We have known joy and care, and we have known failure and pain.

Turn our hearts to you that we may see you as our perfect, heavenly Father, from whom all life freely flows. In the name of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

Special Music

"Change My Heart Lord, Be Glorified"

Espinosa/Kilpatrick

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 & John 16:12-15

Proverbs 8:1-4 The Gifts of Wisdom

8 Does not wisdom call

and understanding raise her voice?

2 On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

3 beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

4 "To you, O people, I call,

and my cry is to all who live.

Proverbs 8:22-31 Wisdom's Part in Creation

²² "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker,
and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
³¹ playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

John 16:12-15

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Message

* Hymn	<i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>	#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, unhasting, 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.		
(More) >>		

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.

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)*

Providing, Generous, and Faithful God, we demonstrate your goodness by offering these gifts. Receive them for your kingdom and increase our impact in this community and the world in your name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

#537

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Refrain:]

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Craig Bielke**

Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Warren Stemme**

Piano/Organ duet - **Ellen Brandon & Ruth Notch**

Chancel Choir: **Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Jeanne Buchner, Don Duperrett, Mary Jane Duperrett, Carolyn Golfin, Susie Pisoni, Helen Stortz, Evelyn Weber**

Announcements

We pray for: **Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Cherie Messina, Rev. Peter Muschinske, 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

We would like to **thank** everyone who has **prayed** for **Reverend Peter Muschinske** over the past months. Thank you also for the **cards** and **calls**. We are confident we can use "past tense" when referring to his illness now that we are over nine weeks post-op. The cancer is gone and no follow-up treatments are needed. With prayers and care for you dear ones in the STL area.
Pastor-Chaplain Peter K. Muschinske

Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Italy** this week

Flat Jesus - To go along with our **VBS theme of Road Trip**, we are going to do Flat Jesus this summer. **Each family of the church** is encouraged to pick up a Flat Jesus and **take him along** with you on your summer adventures as a tangible reminder that Jesus goes with you everywhere. **Take pictures** with Flat Jesus on your adventures **both near and far** this summer and then either email the pictures to StJohnsUccOnOlive@gmail.com or if you **post** them on Facebook or Instagram **use #StJohnsRootedInLove.**

On Rally Day in September we will see all the places that Jesus has gone with us this summer.

Please let Lynn Potts know if you are **available** on **Tuesday July 1 5:00-7:00pm** to **help** with **Faust Park concert parking**. We **need** at least **4 volunteers**, please! St. John's is receiving sponsorship recognition in exchange for volunteering.
Stay to enjoy the concert which starts at 7:00! You may bring food & drinks or purchase there. LPotts14@gmail.com; 314-494-4940

St. Louis Tornado Relief Concert June 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Hosted by **First Congregational Church of St. Louis U.C.C.**

6507 Wydown Blvd. Clayton MO 63105

A benefit concert to support those affected by the recent tornado in our area.

Admission is FREE, and monetary **donations** gratefully received to aid in tornado relief efforts.

... Looking Ahead

Fri 6/6 43 pounds of food and supplies were delivered to Circle of Concern.

As the summer heats up, the needs of Circle families grows too. Please help them by making donations and placing products in the grocery cart or wire shelves by the lower doors. Thank you!

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		Juneteenth
Tue 6/20	7:30 PM	STL tornado benefit concert at First Congregational Church

Pastor Katie Jo will be at Camp MoVal volunteering as a Shepherd for summer camp from **June 23-27**. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Rich Brandon 314-616-2225.

Tue 6/24	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu 6/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Thu 6/26	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship
Sun 6/29	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun 6/29	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Wed 7/2	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Thu 7/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Sun 7/6	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Wed 7/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Fri 7/11	8:00 AM	General Synod is July 11-15
Sun 7/13	11:00 AM	Christian Education Mtg
Mon 7/14	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Thu 7/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Sun 7/20	11:00 AM	VBS Decorating Sunday
Mon 7/21	9:00 AM	VBS
Mon 7/21	6:00 PM	Council Meeting

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

VBS and PBJ

We will again be having a **Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive** this year during VBS. They would like to ask the congregation to help them by bringing in jars of peanut butter and jelly. Feel free to drop them in the Narthex, office or the bin out front. **July 7th through the 26th**.



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

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06/22/25 Service Liturgist: Helen Stortz Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Warren Stemme Special Music: Violin	06/29/25 Service Liturgist: Carol Tindira Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Warren Stemme Special Music: Handbells	07/06/25 Service Liturgist: Todd Armstrong Usher Team: John Bartelt Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Laura Dierberg Ayers
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Altar Flowers 	VBS 7/21 – 7/25 Volunteer 	VBS July 21 – 25, 2025  Registration
		

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