

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand.)*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Peace be with you

And also with you

Prelude

"Taste and See"

Moore arr. Holstein

***The Call to Worship**

The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me." Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.

*** Hymn**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#586

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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

O God who commands us to Sabbath, in the midst of the world you call us deep into your mystery of love. You offer us precious time-out-of-time to immerse ourselves in your abundant life, and refresh us in your vision of wholeness for all. Meet us here as we Sabbath, and show us again the goodness of all you have made. Let our Sabbath time restore our hope and strengthen our courage to follow Jesus, who models life-giving Sabbath for all. Amen

Time for the Child in us All

Pastor Katie Jo Bielke

Special Music

"Lord of the Dance"

Carter arr. Hart

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Mark 2:23- 3:6

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² "Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Mark 2:23-3:6

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

The Man with a Withered Hand

³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

Heal me, hands of Jesus,
and search out all my pain;
restore my hope, remove my fear
and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,
take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven
and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus,
and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt
and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus,
anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine,
for Jesus brings me peace!

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*"The Family Prayer Song"***Chapman*****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)*

O God, as we declare our faith, may it ignite our actions, echoing your love and care for all creation. Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our beliefs. Amen.

COMMUNION**Invitation to the Table****Telling the Story****Blessing the Elements****Sharing the Meal****Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(In Unison)*

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

#429

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. [Refrain]

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? [Refrain]

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. [Refrain]

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

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Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**
Soloist: **Meher Arora**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Announcements

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

06/09/24 Service

Liturgist: **Ellen Brandon**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**
Special Music: **Choir & Handbells**

06/16/24 Service

Liturgist: **Warren Stemme**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**
Special Music: **Meher Arora**

06/23/24 Service

Liturgist: **Amanda Jones**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**
Special Music: **Flautist**

We pray for

**Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwyane Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina,
Kathy Scherr and Gloria Vaclavik** Please let us know your prayer concerns

Join us on Sundays

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

10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. – **Worship** In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

Spirit of St. Louis Air Show June 8 & 9

On Saturday and Sunday, the Opening Ceremonies start at approximately 11:30 AM each day with the air show immediately following. The schedule of acts is not published, and all acts are subject to change at any time.

This year **St. Thomas** will provide concessions on both days. As in the past, parking and picnic space is free to the public.

... Looking Ahead

6/2	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
6/4	9:00 AM	ECC Summer Camp Begins
6/9	11:00 AM	Christian Education Committee
6/9		Global Ministries Pray for Ghana
6/9		Bring in items for Ronald McDonald Home Dinner
6/10	6:30 PM	Executive Council Meeting
6/12	9:30 AM	Wagon Tour at Shaw Nature Reserve (<i>rsvp</i>)
6/14	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
6/16		Global Ministries Pray for Germany
6/16	4:30 PM	Ronald McDonald House Volunteering (RSVP)
6/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
6/19		Juneteenth
6/23		Global Ministries Pray for Philippines
6/23	10:00 AM	Reverend Dwayne Dollgener's 65th Ordination Celebration
6/23	11:00 AM	Church Picnic (<i>rsvp</i>)
6/25	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
6/27	6:00 PM	Table Fellowship at Mia Sorella Restaurant
6/28	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
6/30	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
6/30		Global Ministries Pray for Sri Lanka
6/30	11:00 AM	New Members Class
6/30	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
7/2	10:00 AM	Book Club Before We Were Yours

more at <https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities



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