

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

"Because He Lives"

Gaither arr. Whitworth

*The Call to Worship

Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Hallelujah!

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* Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#234

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pieced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

Pastor Katie Jo

* Hymn	<i>"I've Got Peace Like a River"</i>	#530
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I've got peace like a river,
 I've got peace like a river,
 I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

"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	<i>"There's within my Heart a Melody"</i>	Bridgers arr. Drennan
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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn	<i>"Open My Eyes, That I May See"</i>	#586 vs1 & 2
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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!

Scriptures: Psalm 105:1-5

God's Faithfulness to Israel

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
 tell of all his wonderful works.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
 seek his presence continually.
- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
 his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

* Hymn	<i>"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"</i>	#7 vs1 & 2
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When, in our music, God is glorified,
 and adoration leaves no room for pride,
 it is as though the whole creation cried,
 "Alleluia!"

How often, making music, we have found
 a new dimension in the world of sound,
 as worship moved us to a more profound
 "Alleluia!"

Scriptures: Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn	<i>"Wonderful Words of Life"</i>	#323 vs1
Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.	
* Hymn	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	#595 vs1
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.		
* Hymn	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	#56 vs1
For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.		
* Hymn	<i>"Morning Has Broken"</i>	#53 vs1
Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the word		
* Hymn	<i>"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"</i>	#560 vs1
What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.	Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.	
* Hymn	<i>"Old Rugged Cross"</i>	#548 vs1
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.	So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.	
* Hymn	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"</i>	#4 vs1
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!		

* Hymn	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	#464 vs1
<p style="text-align: center;"> God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour. </p>		
* Hymn	<i>"I Love to Tell the Story"</i>	#480 vs1
<p> I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. </p>	
* Hymn	<i>"On Eagles Wings"</i>	#77 vs1
<p> You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in God's shadow for life Say to the Lord, "My refuge My rock, in whom I trust!" </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> And I will raise you up on eagle's wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of my hand </p>	
* Hymn	<i>"It is Well with my Soul"</i>	#561 vs1
<p> When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul. </p>	
* Hymn	<i>"Pass It On"</i>	#477 vs1
<p style="text-align: center;"> It only takes a spark to get a fire going And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it You spread God's love to ev'ryone you want to pass it on </p>		
* Hymn	<i>"Jesu, Jesu"</i>	#600 vs1
<p> [Refrain:] Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain] </p>	
* Hymn	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	#452 vs1
<p> I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save </p> <p> I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> 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 </p>	

* Hymn	<i>"Let There Be Peace of Earth"</i>	#677
Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.	Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take Let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment And live each moment In peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.	

* Hymn	<i>"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"</i>	#305 x2
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.	Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.	

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 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)**

O God, we have tasted your kindness, and want to share it with others. We have witnessed your saving grace in Jesus Christ, and give thanks for all your care. We have heard the call to even "greater works," and here dedicate our offerings and ourselves to that end. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"They'll Know We Are Christians"</i>	#494
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.		

**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. [Chorus]**

**We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. [Chorus]**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. [Chorus]**

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Warren Stemme**
Piano/Organ Duet: **Ellen Brandon & Ruth Notch**
Choir: **Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Jeanne Buchner, Don Duperrett,
Mary Jane Duperrett, Carolyn Golfin, Susie Pisoni, Evelyn Weber**

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Announcements

Please pray for
**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener
Danny Mueller, Anita Paz, Lindsey Spahr, Melanie Spangler and Michelle Unruh.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

Thank you for all your prayers for **Andy Kissel**.
He is being taken off the prayer list as he is doing great.

05/03/26 Service
Liturgist: **Laura Ayers**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **Piano Duet**
ComSrv: **Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg**

05/10/26 Service
Liturgist: **Mike Kelly**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **Handbells**

05/17/26 Service
Liturgist: **Daniele Dolan**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **Harp**

... Looking Ahead

Sun	4/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	4/26	2:00 PM	Sr Min Holocaust Museum Tour (Join Us)
Tue	4/28	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (Join Us)
Sun	5/3	10:00 AM	Communion & Confirmation Sunday
Sun	5/3		Bimonthly Newsletter
Tue	5/5		Cinco de Mayo
Thu	5/7	10:00 AM	Sr Min Botanical Garden (Join Us)

Fri	5/8	8:00 AM	Volunteer at LifeWiseSTL
Wed	5/13		ECC last day of classes
Sun	5/17		Bimonthly Newsletter
Mon	5/18	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sun	5/24	10:00 AM	Pentecost Sunday wear red
Sun	5/24	10:00 AM	Strengthen the Church Offering
Sun	5/24	4:00 PM	Ronald McDonald House volunteer
Mon	5/25		Memorial Day Office Closed
Tue	5/26	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Names" by Florence Knap
Tue	5/26	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu	5/28	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship
Sun	5/31	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	5/31	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting

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

The parsonage is available for rent.

If interested, please contact KeyRenter St. Charles Property Management at (636) 707-2000, or the website at: www.keyrenterstcharles.com.

Address of the rental is:
15362 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63017
Rental rate is \$2,700/month.

Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code

HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

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3. TAP THE LINK THAT POPS UP



Tue, 4/28 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night



Thu, 5/7 9:00 AM
Sr Min Botanical Garden



Fri, 5/8 8 AM
Volunteer at LifeWiseSTL



Sun, 5/24 4:00 PM
Ronald McDonald House



Thu, 5/28 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship



Sun, 5/24 10 AM
Strengthen the Church Offering

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services. You can join us live or watch the YouTube video later.

Facebook: livestream:



YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>26 Holocaust Museum</p> <p>Senior Ministry</p> <p>9:15 am</p>  	27	28	29	30	31	



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<p>3 Communion & Confirmation Sunday</p>  	4	5	6	7	8	9
		<p>CINCO de MAYO</p> 		<p>give STL day.org</p> <p>Botanical Garden</p> <p>Senior Ministry</p>	<p>LifeWise STL 8-11am</p> 	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> 	<p>Ex Cncl Mtg 1 pm</p>		<p>ECC Last Day of Classes</p> <p>St. John's Early Childhood Center</p> 			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Graduation Sunday</p>  	<p>6 pm Council Meeting</p> 					<p>Prep your offering for Sunday the 24</p> 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Pentecost Sunday Wear Red</p> <p>4 PM Ronald McDonald House</p>  	<p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>Memorial Day Ofc Closed</p> 	<p>BOOK CLUB</p> <p>Girls Night Out</p>  		<p>Table Fellowship</p> 		
31						
<p>9 am Loave & Fishes</p> <p>11 am Mission Meeting</p> 						