

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

July 5, 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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Wyeth arr. Choplin

*The Call to Worship

We are called together this day to praise God.

We ask that God will put us in pathways to 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

"This Is My Song"

#722

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer O ruler of all nations;
Let thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let Thy will be done.**

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

We gather together this morning, O Lord, eager to feel your healing touch for our wounded spirits and weary souls. Flood our lives with your peace. Shine your light of joy in our souls this day. 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

“Come Just as You Are”

Sabolik

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scriptures: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-67

34 So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. 35 The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, 38 but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

42 “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! 43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” 44 and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

45 “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. 47 Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. 48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. 51 Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has spoken.”

52 When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. 53 And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold and garments and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. 54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, “Send me back to my master.” 55 Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” 56 But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the Lord has made my journey successful; let me go that I may go to my master.” 57 They said, “We will call the young woman and ask her.” 58 And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” 59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.”

61 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

62 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. 63 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. 64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel 65 and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn	"When Love Is Found"	#499
<p>When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.</p> <p>When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God, and share our Maker's joy.</p> <p>When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each day, that love may dare to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.</p> <p>When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange, till ease returns and love grows wise through listening ears and opened eyes.</p>	<p>When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade, till lovers keep no score of wrong but hear through pain love's Easter song.</p> <p>Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.</p>	

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		
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***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)**

Love is a powerful force in the world, stronger than hatred or fear or greed. The love of Jesus inspires us and makes us able to share generously the gifts we have received from God. Our gifts are one way that we love one another and the world around us, the world God loves. Let us be as generous with our giving as our God has been with love, with mercy, and with gifts poured into our lives. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation & Story

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal *(the wafers in the middle of the bread trays are gluten free)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	#393
One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord	One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord	
Gentile or Jew Servant or free Woman or man No more	Grain for the fields scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.	
One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord	One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord	
Many the gifts, many the works One in the Lord Of all		

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Kathy Scherr**

Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**

Communion Service: **Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg**

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

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Announcements

Please pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Bill Fogerty
Josh Kennedy and Family, Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, and Anita Paz.**

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

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**

Special Music: **VBS kids**

07/26/26 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**

Usher Team: **John Bartelt**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**

Special Music: **Clarinet**

When you made your gift to Heifer International, you did more than send a contribution. You gave a family in need the opportunity to build a better life. With these gifts, hardworking families can grow their farms, selling goods like milk, eggs, honey and nutritious produce thanks to their animals. That means steady income to feed their children, send them to school and give them the futures they deserve.

Through Heifer's tradition of Passing on the Gift, families share their first female offspring - along with all they've learned - with another family in their community. Your kindness helps create a ripple effect of opportunity that spreads hope and lasting change.

With your help, Sunday School children were able to purchase: 2 Dream Baskets (a sheep, goat, heifer, rabbits and flock of chicks), 1 Earth Gift Basket (bees and tree seedlings), 12 Goats, 12 Sheep and 4 Flocks of Chicks. Thank you.

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, 7/28 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night



Thu, 7/23 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship
Paul Manno's

... Looking Ahead

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
Mon	7/20	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu	7/23	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Paul Manno's
Sun	7/26	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	7/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue	7/28	10:00 AM	Book Club "Grace of the Empire State" by Gemma Tizzard
Tue	7/28	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Sun	8/2	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	8/2	2:00 PM	Rev Carlton Norton's 100'th Birthday (all are invited)

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

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YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



Offering



CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND FAIRWAYS

You are invited to a 100th Birthday celebration for The Rev. Carleton Norton.

**Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

We will sing "Happy Birthday" at 3:30 PM.

LOCATION:
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