

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

February 08, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

arr. Stan Pethel

*The Call to Worship

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

And the light shall not be quenched.

* Hymn

"This Little Light on Mine"

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? NO!
I'm gonna let it shine ...

Don't you go and blow it out!
I'm gonna let it shine ...

All around the neighborhood
I'm gonna let it shine ...

*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Holy God, you meet us in the everyday circumstances of our lives, inviting us to act on your behalf, to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and cover the naked. You call us to use worship, not as period of escape, but as a time of preparation to go out and light up the world. May we find our own healing as we devote ourselves to your service. 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 5:13-20

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn	"Woke Up This Morning"	#623
Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.	Singin' and praisin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus Singin' and praisin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Singin' and praisin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.	
Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.	Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah. Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.	

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

"O God, You Search Me"

arr. Janet Vogt

***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 offer ourselves and these resources to you that they may make a practical difference in this world, bringing light and life through Jesus Christ to the darkest and most shadowy places. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of Christ, as we go about our daily living in your presence. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Shine Jesus Shine"

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**Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

Refrain:

**Shine Jesus Shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]**

Benediction

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Pastor: Rev. Katie Jo Bielke

Director of Music: Ruth Notch

Liturgist: Craig Bielke

Usher Team: Phil Difani

Technology: Steve Hawkinson

Fellowship/Lockup: Jan Boehm

Organist/Pianist: Karen Rocchio

Lydia's House shopping list can be located on the table in the Narthex

Lenten Study signup is now open

Announcements

**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Andy Kissel,
Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Melanie Spangler.**

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

02/15/26 Service Liturgist: Kathy Scherr Usher Team: Ken Ruff Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jan Boehm Special Music: Manchester and Chesterfield St. John's UCC Choirs Piano/Organ Duet	02/22/26 Service Liturgist: Jan Ittner Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jan Boehm Special Music: Flautist	03/01/26 Service Liturgist: Mike Kelly Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Council Special Music: Handbells
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... Looking Ahead

Mon	02/16/26		Presidents Day (office closed)
Mon	02/16/26	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	02/17/26		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Tue	02/17/26	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict
Wed	02/18/26	6:00 PM	Ash Wed Service
Sun	02/22/26	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	02/22/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	02/22/26	4:00 PM	Ronald McDonald House Dinner (link)
Tue	02/24/26	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (link)
Wed	02/25/26	6:00 PM	Lenten Study
Wed	02/25/26	6:00 PM	Lenten Study (sign up)
Thu	02/26/26	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship (Join Us)
Sun	03/01/26	10 AM	Communion Sunday
Tue	03/03/26		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Wed	03/04/26	6 PM	Lenten Study (sign up)





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

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

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

Facebook: Find the livestream here: 	YouTube: View the video here: 	Website: Find more Info here: 	Offering 
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Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code

 Sun, 2/22 4 pm Ronald McDonald	 Thu, 2/26 5:30 pm Table Fellowship	 Tue, 2/24 6:30 PM Women's Game Night	 Wed, 02/25/ 6 PM Lenten Study
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