

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

Prayer in Preparation

As Christ prayed that believers might be one, we ask, O Loving God that our church may know a unity of spirit amid our diversity. Make your ways known to us, fill us with your love, and send us out in your name. We seek to bring others to the tree of life and to salvation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand. Our church is following the current CDC guidelines.)*

***Passing the Peace**

Prelude

"I Worship You, Almighty God"

arr. Hayes

***Call to Worship**

One: The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints!
We have gathered in that grace to worship God.

**All: Rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name.
Let all heaven and earth behold God's glory.**

One: God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

**All: We bring our prayers and praise to God most high.
We lift our voices in hymns of celebration.**

One: Come, all who hunger, all who thirst;
Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

**All: We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs.
We come with successes and failures; we come seeking.**

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We come seeking a presence that shakes foundations and helps us build new ones. We come with all our wounds, asking for healing. We come, remembering our baptism and wanting to claim the difference that makes in our lives. We come through the shadowy clouds of our unbelief, seeking the brightness of your glory, O God. We want a faith to sustain us through times of trial and testing. Be powerfully present with us, gracious Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

#277

**Christians, we have met to worship
and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power,
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.**

**Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Tell them all about the Savior,
how in Christ the lost are found.
Pray, oh pray, and holy manna
will be scattered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other, too;
let us pray for all earth's people
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven,
at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us
living manna all around.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time for the Child in Us All

Pastor Lisa

Scriptures:

Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20-26

One: Here ends the reading. May God add blessings to the reading and hearing of the scriptures.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Message:

Hymn

"In Christ There is no East or West"

#687

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north:
all loving hearts are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

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.

Invitation to Give

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 [online](#), by text at 833-502-0657, or by mail. We are grateful for your support.

***Doxology** (tune: "All Creatures of Our God and King." #22)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

***Prayer of Dedication** (In Unison)

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our unity, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn:**

"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

#490 verses 1, 3, 4

**Sister, let me be your servant.
Brother, let me walk with you;
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

**I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

Benediction

Postlude

Preaching: **Reverend Lisa Hart**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Mary Polt**
Song Leaders: **Kathy & Mike Scherr**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology Team: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**

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Announcements

We pray for **Shirley Carmack, Betty Gschwind, A.J. Switzer & Evelyn Weber.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns.

5/29/22 Service
Liturgist: **Mary Polt**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**

06/05/22 Service
Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Philip Difani**

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the **Indonesia** this week

		Looking Ahead
May		Registration is open for VBS & volunteers
May		Unleashing Potential Drive
5/27/22		Graduation Information Due to office
5/30/22		Memorial Day Office Closed
6/5/22		Strengthen the Church offering
6/5/22		VBS Painting Party
6/7/22	5:00 PM	Summer Concert Series Volunteering
6/11&12		Spirit of St. Louis Airshow & St Thomas Fundraiser
6/12/22	11:00 AM	Who is God calling St. John's to be
6/14/22	5:00 PM	Summer Concert Series Volunteering
6/19/22	4-8 pm	Food Truck, Friday. (menu)
6/19/22		Father's Day
6/19/22		Last Day of Sunday School
6/20/22		Juneteenth Holiday
6/21/22	5:00 PM	Summer Concert Series Volunteering
6/26/22		Speaker from Every Child's Hope
6/28/22	5:00 PM	Summer Concert Series Volunteering
6/28/22	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
Please check your News Notes specific information around upcoming activities .		

Love Live Music, Food and Fellowship?

St. John's will be a **sponsor** for the Chesterfield Regional Chamber **concerts this summer!** We agreed to provide at least **5 volunteers** for their **four June concerts on Tuesday evenings**. We will be "checking in" cars as they enter the parking lot at Faust Park. Volunteers will receive a free ticket to the concert! Get a group together to volunteer and then go to the concert! Or, come to just volunteer! **Sign up** for 1, 2, 3, or all 4 Tuesdays! Car check-in **time frame is 5:00-7:00**, concerts start at 7:00. For more information on the concerts go to chesterfieldmochamber.com. Please **contact Lynn Potts** for more details and to sign up. (lpotts14@gmail.com)

Upcoming Summer Hours Starting May 31

Office Mon to Thu 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Closed on Friday

Pastor Lisa: Mon, Tue, Thu 9:30 to 2, Wed, work from home, Friday off.

Meetings, emergencies, etc., often cause changes to this schedule. Please call to check availability

2022 **VBS** is **July 11-15 Volunteer** forms are available in the Narthex and on our website.

You may also call 636-532-0540 or email stjohnsucconolive@gmail.com

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Worship Services

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship and Sunday school

In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual