

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Nov 9, 2025

Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

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

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Whitworth

*The Call to Worship

Holy God, who whispers into the dawn of the new day and writes stories of love across the universe, may the dreams of your peace not be lost in our waking.

Because of the witness of those who have gone before us

Our hope is in you, God

Because of the uncertainty of all that is yet to come

Our hope is in you, God

Because of the wonders that we have known

Our trust is in you, God

Because of the fears that have preyed upon us

Our trust is in you, God

Because of the love of one for another

Our trust is in you, God. Amen.

* 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)*

O God, You who have created us and sustain us: we come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our neighbor. Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence and your power. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Pastor Katie Jo

**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: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

The Future Glory of the Temple

In the second year of King Darius, 2 1 in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: 3 Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? 4 Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, 5 according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. 6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, 7 and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. 9 The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message:

*** Hymn**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

#638

**In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

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)*

God of Infinite Love, Through our gifts, we create glimmers of your kingdom here on this side of Heaven. Through our treasures, time, and talents, we nurture your Realm by providing for our neighbors who lack basic necessities and creating safe spaces for all your people. With gratitude, we celebrate our gifts from you and dedicate our gifts to bring peace to this world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn

"Standing on the Promises"

#552

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

[Refrain:]
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Benediction

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**Join us after service downstairs for light refreshments and
an informational session on
Real Estate, Legal, Financial, and Healthcare Preparedness & Documentation Tips**

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**
Organ/Piano Duet: **Ellen Brandon & Ruth Notch**

Announcements

We pray for: **Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Andy Kissel, Anita Paz, Melanie Spangler and Carol Tindira.**

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to Larry Sontag and the entire Sontag family.
Larry's Daughter Cherri Yvonne Messina was taken into God's care and keeping on Sunday, October 26, 2025. We ask that God's presence will provide strength in this time of grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

We extend our Christian sympathy to those who knew and loved Jane Steiger. **Jane was taken into God's care and keeping on October 28, 2025.**

A visitation for Jane will be held on November 14, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, followed by a memorial service starting at 3:00 PM. Both events will take place at the Newcomer Funeral Home located at 837 Mid Rivers Mall Dr, St. Peters, MO 63376.

Global Ministries request that we pray with **Sri Lanka** this week

11/16/25 Service

Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Nora Amato**
Special Music: **Violin**

11/23/25 Service

Liturgist: **Helen Stortz**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jim Pisoni**
Special Music: **Duet & Handbells**

11/30/25 Service

Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jim Pisoni**
Special Music: **Soloist & Chior**

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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The Angel Tree is loaded with ornaments for the Hope Chest for the children at Every Child's Hope. Please take one, or more, and purchase a new item noted on the ornament. Please return the unwrapped gift to Church by Sunday, November 30, 2025 with the ornament (optional) attached.

... Looking Ahead

Sun	11/9	11:00 AM	Lynn Potts Ted Talk
Sun	11/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due EOD
Mon	11/10	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Tue	11/11	All day	Veterans Day (office closed)
Sat	11/15		Circle of Concern Hats & Mittens Collection Starts
Sat	11/15		Every Child's Hope Angel Tree starts
Sun	11/16	11:00 AM	Confirmation Class
Sun	11/16	2:00 PM	Lion King
Mon	11/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Mon	11/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting

Thu	11/20	10:00 AM	Prayer Chain Gathering (join us)
Sat	11/22	8:00 AM	Gateway Housing Service Project (volunteer)
Sun	11/23	10:00 AM	Totenfest
Sun	11/23	11:30 AM	Tri-Thanksgiving Meal (join us)
Sun	11/30	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	11/30	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	11/30	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent
Sun	11/30	10:00 AM	Christmas Fund Offering
Sun	11/30	10:00 AM	Angel tree gifts due
Sun	11/30	11:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens
Mon	12/1/25	10:00 AM	Voices of Advent Study
Tue	12/2/25	all day	Giving Tuesday
Wed	12/3/25	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter
Thu	12/4/25	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Fri	12/5/25	7:30 PM	Holiday Concert Purser Center
Sat	12/6/25	9:00 AM	Cookies with Santa at the Carousel
Sun	12/7/25	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Program
Sun	12/7/25	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent
Sun	12/7/25	All day	Communion Sunday



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

Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the following QR codes

Prayer Chain 11/20



GSHP 11/22



Tri-Family Thanksgiving Meal 11/23



Toten Fest Submission



Amazon Book Wish List



Offering



Memorial Donations





EVERY CHILD'S HOPE

Hope Chest – SUGGESTED GIFT SHOP ITEMS (NEW ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE!)



HIGHEST NEEDS are highlighted!

Men's Items:

Aftershave
Belts
Body Care Gift Sets
Car Wash Supplies
Cologne
Gloves
Hats
House Slippers
Neck Ties
Scarves
Shaving Cream
Sports Hats
Stocking Hats
Sunglasses
Tool Kits
Wallets
Watches

Electronics:

Nothing w/ Camera or Internet Accessibility!
Auxiliary Cords
DVD/BlueRay
Earbuds & Headphones
Handheld Games
Headphones
MP3 Players
Portable DVD Player
Speakers
USB Chargers

Sports:

Baseballs/Bat/Glove
Basketballs
Fishing Gear/Pole
Footballs
Gym Bags
Gloves
Hockey Puck/Stick
Jump Ropes
Kick Balls
Resistance Bands
Rubber Bases
Skip-it
Soccer Balls
Softballs/Bat
Tennis Balls/Racket
Volleyballs
Yoga Mats

Teacher's Items:

Body Care Gift Sets
Blankets/Throws (fleece)
Book Bag or Travel Bag
Candles/Melt Warmer
Small Kitchen Appliance
Travel Tumbler Cups

Baby/Toddler Items:

Baby/Toddler Toys
Bibs & Burp Cloths
Board Books
Educational/Learning Toys

Jewelry:

Men's & Women's
In Box if Possible

Bracelets
Earrings
Jewelry Sets
Necklaces (Dressy)
Watches
Wristbands

Wrapping:

Bows
Clothing Gift Boxes
Gift Bags
Scotch Tape
Tags
Tissue Paper

Miscellaneous:

DVD/BlueRay
Dishes/Pots/Utensils
Flashlight
Hanging Clothes Organizer
Money Banks
Small Kitchen Appliances
Travel Bags
Travel Tumblers/Cups
Water Bottles

Books:

**No Violence
or Sensitive Topics**
All Ages/Levels

Women's Items:

Blow Dryer
Body Care Gift Sets
Curling Iron
Fanny Packs
Hairbrushes
Headbands
Leggings/Tights
Make-up
Nail Polish
Perfume
Ponytail Holders/Barrettes
Purses
Sunglasses
Wallets

Crafts:

Backpack/Craft Bag
Canvas
Chalk
Clay
Easel
Friendship Bracelet Kits
Kinetic Sand
Models
Model Sets
Origami Paper/Sets
Paint & Paint Brushes
Paint-By-Number Sets
Play-dough
Rainbow Loom & Supplies
Rock Painting Kit

Items we do NOT

need at this time
(have plenty!):

Albums or Frames
Blankets
Board Games
Bubbles
Card Games
Clothes
Colored Pencils
Coloring Books
Cookbooks
Crayons
Flash Cards
Frisbees
Journals
Kites
Markers
Mugs
Puzzles
Scarves
Scrapbook Kits
Scribble Pads
Slime-making Kits
Socks
Stationary
Stickers
Stuffed Animals
Trinkets
Word Search/Find

Toys:

Nothing Sharp
No Toy Guns
No Stuffed Animals
Action Figures
Barbies
Blocks
Comic Books
Dolls
Educational Toys
Hot Wheel Cars
Legos
Nerf Balls
Paddle Balls
Toy Dishes & Toy Food

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