

# St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship July 16, 2023

VBS Sunday

## WE GET READY FOR THE WORD

### Prayer of Preparation (Psalm 63:1-3)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

(Please note the \* indicates when you should stand.)

### \* Passing of the Peace

"Peace be with you!"

Prelude

Hero Hotline

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### \*Call to Worship

One: Sisters and brothers – Arise!

**All: Lift your hearts. Lift your eyes. Lift your voices.**

One: The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together--

**All: in witness, in celebration, in struggle.**

One: Reach out toward each other.

**All: Our God reaches out toward us! Let us worship God!**

### \*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Holy God, the earth is full of your glory and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed by the coming of the Holy Spirit, and so we praise you. Let us abide forever in the assurance of your love; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen..

### \*Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#56 vs 1, 2, & 4

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.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Pastorial 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 HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture:

John 1:40-45  
Exodus 2:1-10  
Exodus 18:13-22  
Matthew 2:9-12  
Acts 9:22-25

### VBS TIME

#### Music

#### PowerPoint Show

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

| * Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | "Go My Children "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | #431 VS 1&3 |
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| Go, My children, with My blessing,<br>Never alone.<br>Waking, sleeping, I am with you;<br>You are my own.<br>In My love's baptismal river,<br>I have made you Mine forever.<br>Go, My children, with My blessing -<br>You are My own. | Go, My children, fed and nourished,<br>Closer to Me;<br>Grow in love and love by serving,<br>Joyful and free.<br>Here My Spirit's power filled you;<br>Here His tender comfort stilled you.<br>Go, My children, fed and nourished,<br>Joyful and free. |             |

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

#### 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, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)*

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Preaching: **Pastor Lisa Hart**  
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**  
Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**  
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**  
Technology Team: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship & Lockup: **Rosemarie Spray**

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## *Announcements*

**Global Ministries** requests that we pray with the **South Africa** this week

**Betty Gschwind** There will be a Celebration of Life Ceremony at  
St. John's United Church of Christ, on **Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**,  
with a light luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Missouri, St. John's United  
Church of Christ in Chesterfield or Siteman Cancer Center

We pray for **Shirley Carmack, June Evers, Bill Lubbin, Ellen Meier, Marilyn Norton,**  
**Jeannie Rucker, A.J. Switzer, Barbara Tretter, and Paul Van Driest.**  
Please let us know your prayer concerns

### 07/23/23 Service

Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**  
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**

### 07/30/23 Service

Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**  
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**

### A Look Ahead

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| 7/17 | 6:30 PM  | Council Meeting                    |
| 7/24 | 6:00 PM  | Visioning Committee                |
| 7/25 | 6:30 PM  | Bunko Women's Fellowship           |
| 7/30 | 9:15 AM  | Loaves & Fishes                    |
| 8/27 | 11:00 AM | Mission Meeting                    |
| 7/30 | 11:00 AM | Men's Group Brainstorming Session  |
| 8/6  |          | Communion Sunday                   |
| 8/6  | 11:00 AM | Senior Ministry meeting in library |
| 8/7  | 1:30 PM  | Personnel Committee Meeting zoom   |
| 8/9  | 9:45 AM  | Art Museum Tour & Lunch            |
| 8/13 | 10 am    | Last Summer Sunday Funday          |
| 8/14 | 4:30 PM  | Christian Education Committee      |
| 8/20 |          | No Sunday School                   |
| 8/21 | 6:30 PM  | Council Meeting                    |
| 8/22 | 6:30 PM  | Bunko Women's Fellowship           |
| 8/27 | 9:15 AM  | Loaves & Fishes                    |
| 8/27 |          | No Sunday School                   |
| 8/28 | 6:00 PM  | Visioning Committee                |

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

*Join us on Sundays*

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

**10:00 a.m. – Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m. – Worship**

**In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual**

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