

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Aug 9, 2026

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

"O Love of God, How Strong and True"

Helvey

*The Call to Worship

We gather to worship our God,

who rejoices with us in the good times.

We gather to worship our God,

who speaks words of peace in chaotic times.

We gather to follow Jesus,

who always walks beside us.

We gather to follow Jesus,

who encourages us through times of fear.

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

who fills us with the Love of God.

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.

Let us worship.

* Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#2

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus;
stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

*** Gathering Prayer (In Unison)**

God of mysterious ways, you meet us where we are. Whether we think the world is in our hands or we are in fear for what lies ahead, you travel beside us. Remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to have everything figured out. Encourage us to step forward in the good times and when life just does not seem to be going our way. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

Danny Mueller

"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

"A Little Love"

Sleeth

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Genesis 37:1-28

Joseph Dreams of Greatness

37 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. 2 These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

5 Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

9 He had another dream and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." 10 But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" 11 So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers

12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." 14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, 15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" 16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." 17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not

take his life.” 22 Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. 28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message	“The Reuben’s in our lives”		Pastor Marty Black
* Hymn	“My Soul gives Glory to My God”		#130
My soul gives glory to my God, My heart pours out its praise. God lifted up my lowliness In many marvelous ways. My God has done great things for me: Yes, holy is this Name. All people will declare me blessed, And blessings they shall claim. From age to age to all who fear, Such mercy love imparts, Dispensing justice far and near, Dismissing selfish hearts.		Love casts the mighty from their thrones, Promotes the insecure, Leaves hungry spirits satisfied; The rich seem suddenly poor. Praise God, whose loving covenant Supports those in distress, Remembering past promises With present faithfulness.	

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.)

Offertory	<i>“Sleeth”</i>	Haas
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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*)**

Gracious and giving God, we dedicate this offering to the work of your church. Use what we give to support the nurture and growth of your beloved children. Use our gifts to reach beyond the walls of this building and into a world that needs your love and care. Use these gifts to make your promises of love and grace a reality. Take our gifts of money, but also take us, as we dedicate ourselves to lives of living your love in this world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Pass It On"

#477

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it
You spread God's love to ev'ryone you want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring you want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
On God you can depend it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me I want to pass it on

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Preacher: **Reverend Marty Black**
Liturgist: **Warren Stemme**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**
Vocalist: **Meher Arora**

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

Announcements

Please pray for

Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Mike Kelly, Josh Kennedy and Family, Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.

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

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

Facebook: livestream:



YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



Offering



08/16/26 Service

Liturgist: Carol Tindira

Usher Team: Jim Pisoni

Technology: Steve Hawkinson

Fellowship/Lockup: Laura Ayers

08/23/26 Service

Liturgist: Jane Lindberg

Usher Team: Larry Sontag

Technology: Steve Hawkinson

Fellowship/Lockup: Laura Ayers

08/30/26 Service

Liturgist: Helen Stortz

Usher Team: John Bartelt

Technology: Steve Hawkinson

Fellowship/Lockup: Laura Ayers

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



Sun, 8/30 10 am

Rally Day Lunch

Please RSVP for planning.



Tue, 8/25 6:30 PM

Women's Game Night



Thu, 8/27 5:30 pm

Table Fellowship



Blessing of the backpacks

The first day of school can be overwhelming with a new teacher, new classmates and maybe even a new school building, but a little less scary knowing that God is with you wherever you go. We invite everyone who is involved in education - students, teachers, admins, social workers, nurses, etc to bring their backpacks, briefcases, totes or purses to **10am worship on Sunday, August 23** for a special blessing. As a community of faith, we want to show our love and support for all students and school staff with a blessing for growth, happiness and safety during the coming year.



The **teachers** at **St. John's ECC** are looking to **refresh their educational toys**, manipulatives, and games. They have put together an Amazon wish list of items that would benefit the children. We appreciate you looking at our list. Items purchased from the link will be sent directly to the school. **Thank you** for helping St. John's ECC!



... Looking Ahead

Mon	8/10	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Mon	8/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Mon	8/17	Bimonthly Newsletter (<i>subscribe stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/#contact</i>)	
Sun	8/23	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Back Packs
Tue	8/25	10:00 AM	Book Club "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
Tue	8/25	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (<i>Join Us</i>)
Thu	8/27	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Gio's (<i>Join Us</i>)
Sun	8/30	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	8/30	9:30 AM	Mission Meeting (<i>please note time change</i>)
Sun	8/30	10:00 AM	Rally Day (<i>Please RSVP for lunch</i>)
Mon	9/7		Labor Day Office Closed
Mon	9/14	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg

Thu	9/17	Bimonthly Newsletter (<i>subscribe stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/#contact</i>)
Mon	9/21	6:00 PM Council Meeting
Tue	9/22	6:30 PM Women's Game Night (<i>Join Us</i>)
Thu	9/24	5:30 PM Table Fellowship Mia Sorella
Sun	9/27	9:30 AM Loaves & Fishes (<i>please note the new time</i>)
Sun	9/27	2:00 PM The Kinship Concert

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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Save the Date

St. John's UCC presents

KinShift

WORSHIP BAND

a music ministry of Kindred UCC

IN CONCERT

Sunday, September 27 @ 2PM

You are invited to join us for a selection of uplifting songs that promote unity, justice, mercy, and humility directed by Rev. Monty Jackson .

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