

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship June 30, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringing of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Peace be with you

And also with you

Prelude

"Alleluia"

Mozart

***The Call to Worship**

Who has the Lord called to serve?

Is it the great and mighty?

In whom has the Lord found favor?

Is it those with power and prestige?

In each one of us, God has found favor!

Let us serve the Lord with gladness and joy. AMEN.

*** Hymn**

"We Praise You, O God"

#612 Glory to God

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.**

**When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

***Gathering Prayer** *(In Unison)*

Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. AMEN.

Time for the Child in us All

Rev. Katie Jo Bielke

Special Music

"Fantasy-Piece"

Schumann

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 16-24, 32-49

David and Goliath

17 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. 2 Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah and formed ranks against the Philistines. 3 The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. 4 And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was four cubits and a span. 5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6 He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. 7 The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron, and his shield-bearer went before him. 8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10 And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

16 For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.

17 Jesse said to his son David, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; 18 also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare, and bring some token from them."

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel were in the valley of Elah fighting with the Philistines. 20 David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. 21 Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. 22 David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. 23 As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

24 All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid.

32 David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father, and whenever a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth, and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. 36 Your servant has killed both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

38 Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I am not used to them." So David removed them. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. 43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." 45 But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head, and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn	<i>"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"</i>	#565
<p>If you will trust in God to guide you and hope in God through all your ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide you, and bear you through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that will not move.</p> <p>God will embrace your pain and weeping your helpless anger and distress, If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less? For Christ, who took for you a cross, will bring you safe through every loss.</p>		<p>Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; so do your own part faithfully, and trust God's word; though undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in God indeed.</p>

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

Offertory

"Down By the Riverside"

arr. Kallman

***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)**

Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#595

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Benediction

Postlude

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Karen Rocchio**
Clarinet: **Rebecca Hill**
Songleaders: **Kathy & Mike Scherr**

Announcements

Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Paraguay** this week

07/07/24 Service

Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Rosemarie Spray**
Special Music: **Jennifer, Flute**

07/14/24 Service

Liturgist: **Kathy Scherr**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Rosemarie Spray**
Special Music: **Meher, Solo**

07/21/24 Service

Liturgist: **Helen Stortz**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Rosemarie Spray**
Special Music: **VBS kids**

We pray for
**Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart,
 David Leech, Cherie Messina and Gloria Vaclavik**
 Please let us know your prayer concerns
 If you have private prayer concern please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

... Looking Ahead

6/30	11:00 AM	New Members Class (open to all who are interested)
6/30	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
7/2	10:00 AM	Book Club "<u>Before We Were Yours</u>"
7/4		Independence Day (office closed)
7/7	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
7/7	11:00 AM	Christian Education Committee
7/7	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
7/7		Global Ministries Pray for Sri Lanka
7/8	1:00 PM	Exec Council
7/12	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
7/13	9:00 AM	Decorating St. John's for VBS (many hands make a light load)
7/14	10:00 AM	New Member Sunday
7/14	10:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Kenya
7/15	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
7/15 to 7/19	9:00 AM	VBS
7/21	10:00 AM	VBS Celebration Sunday

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

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

06.17.24 Council Meeting Bullet Points:

1. We hope all of our members have a safe and wonderful summer season. Please keep St. John's members in your thoughts and **prayers** as well as in your **giving**. As Pastor Katie Jo said last Sunday, "Our wealth is not in our belongings, but in our benevolence. The Act of giving is beneficial to us – as well as to those who receive."
2. The meal at **Ronald McDonald House** was a success, and we hope to do it again on October 12. Mark your calendars!
3. We are planning on showing a movie, "**Gifted Hands**" on Wednesday, July 31 at 3:00. Members who have seen it rave about it.

We would like to remind you that during the summer, the **office** will be **closed** on **Friday's**. Also please note that the **Council** will be **meeting** every **3rd Monday at 6:00** starting in June.

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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