

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship Oct 26, 2025

Twentieth 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

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

arr. Keveren

*The Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made:

a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

This is the time God has given us:

a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

This is the life to which God calls us:

a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

* Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

#33

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]**

**When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]**

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

O God, pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All

Pastor Katie Jo

"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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

arr. Page

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message:

*** Hymn**

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

#339

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown,
hast broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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

"Ring Praise"

Hellman

***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)

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**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#73

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we would rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.**

Benediction

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Pastor: Rev. Katie Jo Bielke

Director of Music: Ruth Notch

Liturgist: Craig Bielke

Usher Team: Phil Difani

Technology: Steve Hawkinson

Fellowship/Lockup: Rosemarie Spray

Piano Duet: Karen Rocchio & Ruth Notch

**Handbells: Norma Armstrong, Pastor Katie Jo Bielke, Jan Boehm, Lee Difani, Barb Nichols,
Scott Nichols, Chris Norton, Ruth Notch, Jim Pisoni**

Announcements

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

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

Global Ministries request that we pray with **Palestine** this week

11/02/25 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
 Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Jim Pisoni**
 Special Music: **Chancel Choir, Flute**

11/09/25 Service

Liturgist: **Carol Tindira**
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Jim Pisoni**
 Special Music: **Piano/Organ Duet**

11/16/25 Service

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

... Looking Ahead

Sun	10/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due EOD
Sun	10/26		Poinsettia orders due
Tue	10/28	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Sun	11/2		Daylight Savings ends, fall back
Sun	11/2	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	11/2	11:00 AM	Confirmation Class
Mon	11/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Mon	11/3	1:30pm	Personnel Committee Meeting
Wed	11/5	6:00 PM	Christmas Card Making in Fellowship Hall (all are welcome)
Thu	11/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
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 is up
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)
Thu	11/20	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship
Sat	11/22	8:00 AM	Gateway Housing Service Project (volunteer)
Sun	11/23	10:00 AM	Totenfest
Sun	11/23	11:00 AM	Tri-Thanksgiving Meal (join us)

**11/2 12 am**

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

Amazon Book Wish List**Women's Game Night****Table Fellowship****GSHP 11/22****Tri-Family Thanksgiving Meal 11/23****Offering**

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9  Lynn Potts Ted Talk	10	11  veteran's day	12	13	14 	15 
16 lion king 	17 	18	19	20  Table Fellowship	21	22 
23  Totenfest	24	25  ladies GAME night	26	27  Office Closed	28	29
30 advent 1 	 Hanging of the Greens 11/30	 The Hanging of the Greens	 CHRISTMAS FUND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	 Christmas Fund / Veteran's of the cross offering 11/30		