

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

July 12, 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

"Procesion Alegre"

Cornell

*The Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.

As we gather to worship the Lord, let us open our ears,

That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.

As we gather to worship the Lord, let us open our eyes,

That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.

As we gather to worship the Lord, let us open our hearts.

That we might understand with our hearts and turn to the Lord for healing. Amen.

* Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#24

The God of Abraham praise.

**All praised be the Name,
who was and is and is to be,
is still the same;**

**the one eternal God,
ere all that now appears;
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
through timeless years!**

**God's Spirit flowing free,
high surging where it will--
in prophet's word it spoke of old--
is speaking still.**

**Established is God's law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, or land.**

**God has eternal life
implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.**

**Praise to the living God!
All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
is still the same!**

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. Amen.

**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: Genesis 25:19-34

The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob

19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other;
the elder shall serve the younger."

24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau Sells His Birthright

29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore, he was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

*** Hymn**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

#677

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

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.)

Offering	<i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>	Robertson
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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)*

With hearts of praise, O Lord, we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to you not only in the hearing, but in the doing of your word. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"For the Healing of the Nations"</i>	#668
For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.	All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.	
Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.	You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.	

Blessing VBS Volunteers

Benediction

Join Us After Service for Adopt a Highway
and/or to decorate the church for our upcoming VBS week.

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
 Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
 Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**
 Trumpet: **Mary Weber**

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Announcements

Please pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Bill Fogerty
 Josh Kennedy and Family, Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, and Anita Paz.**

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

07/19/26 Service

Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**
 Special Music: **VBS kids**

07/26/26 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**
 Special Music: **Clarinet**

08/02/26 Service

Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**
 Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**
 Communion Service:
Helen Stortz & Mary Jane Duperrett

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



Tue, 16,23,30
 5 pm Chamber Concert
 Parking



Tue, 7/28 6:30 PM
 Women's Game Night



Thu, 7/23 5:30 pm
 Table Fellowship
 Paul Manno's

... Looking Ahead

7/13 - 17	9 - 11:45 AM	VBS Week
Mon 7/13	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Fri 7/17		Bimonthly Newsletter
Sun 7/19	10:00 AM	VBS Celebration Sunday
Mon 7/20	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu 7/23	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Paul Manno's
Sun 7/26	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun 7/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Tue 7/28	10:00 AM	Book Club "Grace of the Empire State" by Gemma Tizzard
Tue 7/28	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Sun 8/2	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun 8/2	2:00 PM	Rev Carlton Norton's 100'th Birthday (all are invited)

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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Offering



**CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF
FAITH, FAMILY, AND FAIRWAYS**

You are invited to a
100th Birthday celebration
for The Rev. Carleton Norton.

**Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
from 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

We will sing "Happy Birthday" at 3:30 PM.

LOCATION:
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