

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship **October 20, 2024**

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

"I Will Praise Him"

Harris arr. Campbell

*The Call to Worship

We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.

We bring our praise and offer our lives to God.

This is our gift and our sacrifice - an act of devotion to God.

Let us celebrate God's love with our voices and our lives.

* Hymn

"God Is Here"

#280

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, fount, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Powerful God, before whom all human history is but a breath, turn us from our petty concerns to seek eternal values. Grant us hearts of wisdom that our days may be lived to their fullest.

Ground us in your commandments and then free us to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

Special Music

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

Bach

Time for the Child

Rev Katie Jo Bielke

"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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Mark 10:35-45

The Request of James and John

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn	<i>"Where He Leads Me"</i>	#346
<p>I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."</p> <p>Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads me I will follow, Where her leads me I will follow I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.</p>		<p>I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way. [Refrain]</p> <p>He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way. [Refrain]</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

"God of the Ages"

arr. Coleman

***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)**

Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives. May they be used to benefit your people and to honor your holy name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"</i>	#453
Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end		Thus new patterns for Christ's mision In a small or global sense Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair
Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold		So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Steve Hawkinson**
Violinist: **Hannah Frey**

Announcements

We pray for
Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Kevin Beatty, Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina and Gloria Vaclavik. Please let us know your prayer concerns
 If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

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

<p style="text-align: center;">10/27/24 Service Liturgist: Jane Lindberg Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Steve Hawkinson Special Music: Choir & Handbells</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11/3/24 Service Liturgist: Ellen Brandon Usher Team: John Bartelt Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Carol Tindira Special Music: Clarinet</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11/10/24 Service Liturgist: Warren Stemme Usher Team: Phil Difani Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Carol Tindira</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15370 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield MO 63017 (636) 532-0540 stjohnsuccconlive@gmail.com www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org</p>
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... Looking Ahead

Sun	10/20	11:00 AM	Medicare Made Easy Ted Gottlieb <i>(please RSVP Narthex or QR)</i>
Mon	10/21	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	10/22	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu	10/24	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship at Mimi's Cafe <i>(please RSVP Narthex or QR code)</i>
Sat	10/26	10:00 AM	Stemme Farm Picnic Setup <i>(please volunteer)</i>
Sun	10/27	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	10/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/27	5:00 PM	Stemme Farm Picnic <i>(please RSVP in the Narthex or QR below)</i>
Fri	11/1	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
Sat	11/2		Gateway Housing Service Project <i>(please RSVP Narthex or QR)</i>
Sat	11/2	6:00 PM	Lions Club Trivia Night @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Sun	11/3	12:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sun	11/3	10:00 AM	Poinsettia Orders Due

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

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



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RSVP TABLE FELLOWSHIP



RSVP STEMME FARM



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