

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

July 26, 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Purifoy

*The Call to Worship

The goodness of God has called us here!

We are recipients of God's gracious love.

Though we have not always done what is right in God's sight;

Yet God is merciful and forgiving.

Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your sight.

* Hymn

"Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

#278

Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross,
joined in love we stand.

As we seek the realm of God,
we unite to pray:

Jesus, Savior, guide our steps
for you are the Way.

Many are the tongues we speak,
scattered are the lands;
yet our hearts are one in God,
one in love's demands.

E'en in darkness hope appears,
calling age and youth;

Jesus, Teacher, swell with us,
for you are the Truth.

Nature's secrets open wide,
changes never cease;
where, O where, can weary souls
find the source of peace?

Unto all those sore distressed,
torn by endless strife,
Jesus, Healer, bring your balm,
for you are the Life.

Grant, O God, an age renewed,
filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray.
Send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power
needed in our strife:
Jesus, Master, be our Way,
be our Truth our Life.

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, you have made yourself known among us. When we seek you, we find you.
You surround us with love and righteousness. Your presence strengthens and upholds us.
While we gather together, let us be mindful that your wisdom speaks, your power fuels,
and your heart fills us. Grant us discernment. Let us be faithful. May you be glorified.
Amen.

"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: Genesis 29:15-28

Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed."

²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

*** Hymn**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#586

**Open my eyes, that I may see
 glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
 place in my hands the wonderful key
 that shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
 Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear
 voices of truth thou sendest clear;
 and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
 everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
 Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
 gladly the warm truth everywhere;
 open my heart and let me prepare
 love with thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
 Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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>"People Need the Lord"</i>	McHugh arr. Nelson
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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)*

O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service to you. We lay our gifts before you in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"Hope of the World"</i>	#538 vs 1,3,4
Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; save us, your people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light: walk now beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from you to endless night. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign did conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to your gospel glorious; you are our Lord, and you forever reign!		

Benediction

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**

Usher Team: **John Bartelt**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**

Clarinet: **Rebecca Hill**

Announcements

Please pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, 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.

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

08/09/26 Service

Liturgist: **Warren Stemme**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**

08/16/26 Service

Liturgist: **Carol Tindira**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
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 Ranch
Please RSVP for planning.**



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



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

... Looking Ahead

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)
Mon	8/3	Bimonthly Newsletter (<i>subscribe stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/#contact</i>)	
Thu	8/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
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 (<i>Join Us</i>)
Sun	8/30	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	8/30	10:00 AM	Rally Day (<i>Please RSVP for planning purposes</i>)
Sun	8/30	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
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>)

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

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YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



Offering



August 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Family Worship Sunday with Communion 	3 	4	5	6 Senior Ministry Meeting 11 am 	7	8
9	10 Exec Council Mtg 1 pm 	11	12	13	14	15
16	17  Council Meeting 6 pm 	18	19	20	21	22
23 blessing of the backpacks 	24	25  	26	27  Table Fellowship 5:30 pm	28	29
30 Loaves 9:15 am Mission 11 am  MISSION	31					