

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Aug 30, 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

"Bright & Beautiful"

arr. Hayes

*The Call to Worship

We are standing on holy ground.

All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the love of God.

We are challenged to be people of loving service

Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve you by helping others. AMEN.

* Hymn

"We Gather Together"

#276

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God make us free!

* Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Lord, we have gathered here today to hear your word for us. We marvel at the witness of Moses who received your call to liberate your enslaved people. We also struggle with the issues of safety and security that plagued Peter when Jesus set his sights on entering Jerusalem. Be with us this day, guiding our spirits and opening our hearts to hear your forgiveness and call to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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

"Holy Ground"

Davis arr. Larson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses at the Burning Bush

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." [b] He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " 15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord,[c] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations..

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message	Pastor Katie Jo
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* Hymn	"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"	#461
1. Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to Your purpose Every gift which You impart.	2. Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As O Lord your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.	More >>

3. As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope an health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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.
And 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>"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"</i>	arr. Duncan
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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)*

Holy One, we present these offerings to you in hope and love. May they be a gift in our community and the world spreading hope, joy and love. And, may they witness to your abundant and generous care. Amen..

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"</i>	#344
1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus-- no turning back, no turning back.	3. Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow, no turning back, no turning back.	
2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me-- no turning back, no turning back.	4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.	

Benediction

Blessing of the Rally Day Meal

Please join us for Rally Day Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
 Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
 Liturgist: **Helen Stortz**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**
 Violinist: **Tom Winter**

Announcements

Please pray for
Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Mike Kelly, 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.

09/06/26 Service
 Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**
 Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Chris Norton**

09/13/26 Service
 Liturgist: **Ellen Brandon**
 Usher Team: **Phil Difaxni**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**

09/20/26 Service
 Liturgist: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**

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, 9/27 2:00 PM
Crop Hunger Walk
 donate here



4th Tue of the Month, 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night



4th Thu of the month 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship

... Looking Ahead

Wed	9/2	10:00 AM	ECC Visit Day
Thu	9/3	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Thu	9/3		Bimonthly Newsletter (<i>subscribe stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/#contact</i>)
Sun	9/6	10:00 AM	Family Worship Sunday with Communion
Mon	9/7		Labor Day Office Closed
Tue	9/8	9:00 AM	ECC First Day of School
Mon	9/14	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Thu	9/17		Bimonthly Newsletter (<i>subscribe stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/#contact</i>)
Sat	9/19	4:30 PM	Ronald McDonald House (sign up sheet)
Mon	9/21	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	9/22	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (<i>Join Us</i>)
Thu	9/24	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Mia Sorella
Sun	9/27	9:30 AM	Loaves & Fishes (<i>note the new time</i>)
Sun	9/27	2:00 PM	Crop Walk (donate here >>)
Sun	9/27	2:00 PM	The KinShift Concert
Tue	9/29	10:00 AM	Book Club "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See



Crop Walk

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities
<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

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

Facebook: livestream:



YouTube: video here:



Website: info here:



Offering



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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September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Start collecting for Sharefest	2 10 am ECC Visit Day 	3 11 am Sr Min Mtg 	4	5
6  Family Worship Sunday with Communion	7 Labor Day 	8 ECC First Day of School 	9	10	11	12
13	14 1 pm Exc Cncl Mtg 	15	16	17 	18	19  4:30 pm Ronald McDonald House
20 	21  6 pm Council Meeting	22  6:30 pm Women's Game Night 	23	24  5:30 pm Table Fellowship Mia Sorella	25	26
27 9:30 am Loaves & Fishes 11 Mission Meeting 11 Crop Hunger Walk & Picnic 2 pm The Kinship Concert 	28 	29 10 am Book Club "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See	30			