

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Oct 19, 2025

Nineteenth 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	"New Heaven & Earth"	Immordino
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*The Call to Worship

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives. Amen.

* Hymn	"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"	#241
Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine. Voice of God, and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine. Kindle every high desire; purify me with your fire. Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, fill and nerve this will of mine. Boldly may I always live, bravely serve and gladly give.	Holy Spirit, Peace divine, still this restless heart of mine. Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility. Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine. In the desert ways I sing, spring, O living Water, spring!	

*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Eternal God, we long for truths that are lasting, yet we want our faith to be alive to the people and problems of today. As we move forward in an ever changing world, may faith in Christ be our anchor, and your love be our guide through the presence and power of the Spirit. Unite our hearts, even as we unite our voices in praising you. Amen

Time for the Child in us All	Pastor Katie Jo
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"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: Luke 18:1-8 & 2Timothy 3:14-4:5****Luke 18:1-8****The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge**

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' 4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.**Message:**

* Hymn	<i>"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"</i>		#602
O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.	Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.		
	Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.		In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me 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.
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

***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)

**Thank you, God, for the generosity that enables us to share. We are rich in many things.
Accept the offerings we make, and grant that these gifts may be hallowed by your blessing
and used in your service. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**

"Go Forth for God"

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**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.**

Go Forth for God

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

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 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
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Benediction

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 Fellowship/Lockup: **Rosemarie Spray**
 Violin: **Tom Winter**

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 **Democratic Republic of Congo** this week

10/26/25 Service Liturgist: Craig Bielke Usher Team: Phil Difani Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Rosemarie Spray	11/02/25 Service Liturgist: Merilee Dauster Usher Team: Ken Ruff Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jim Pisoni	11/09/25 Service Liturgist: Carol Tindira Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jim Pisoni
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... Looking Ahead

Sun	10/19	11:00 AM	Confirmation Class
Mon	10/20	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	10/21	10:00 AM	Book Club 1984 George Orwell
Thu	10/23	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship
Sun	10/26	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
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
Mon	11/3	1:30pm	Personnel Committee Meeting
Thu	11/6	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Thu	11/6	6:00 PM	Christmas Card Making in Fellowship Hall
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



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	15370 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield MO 63017 (636) 532-0540 <i>stjohnsuccconlive@gmail.com</i> www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org
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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 