

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Sep 6, 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

"Chancel Radiance"

Kern

*The Call to Worship

Here in this place, God offers us food,

so we take and eat.

Here in this place, our neighbors are hungry,

so we share the bread and the cup.

Here in this place, the table extends

beyond our friends

beyond those who agree with us

beyond these walls

beyond the borders

around the world.

Let us taste and see that our God is good.

Let us worship God with joy.

* Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

#33

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [REFRAIN]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. [REFRAIN]

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [REFRAIN]

*** Gathering Prayer (In Unison)**

Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such peril. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-14

The First Passover Instituted

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. 12 I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Katie Jo

When Israel was in Egypt's Land:
let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.

Refrain:
Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go.

No more shall they in bondage toil,
let my people go,
let them come out with Egypt's spoil,
let my people go. [Refrain]

The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through,
let my people go. [Refrain]

Then Miriam danced and sang her song,
let my people go;
"Our God has triumphed over wrong!"
let my people go. (Refrain)

O let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. [Refrain]

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

"Poeme"

Higgins

*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*)

In these gifts, O God, we acclaim you as our Lord. May they be useful to you in bringing your kingdom into full flower through the ministries of your church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation & Story

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal (*All communion bread pieces in the trays are gluten free.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, as we leave this table, may the bread and cup we received strengthen our faith and renew our spirits. Help us to carry the love, grace, and humility of Christ into our daily lives. Let this time with You deepen our connection to You and remind us of Your constant presence. Guide our steps, fill us with Your peace, and use us to be a light for Your glory. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"</i>	#431
Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own. In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing - You are My own. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory, Go My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.	Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.	

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Pianist: **Evelyn Weber**
Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Chris Norton**

Announcements



Church Council is accepting nominations for Church Council and the Stewardship Committee.
There will be nomination forms available in church, online and outside the office. You may turn them into the offering plate, Jan Boehm, Phil Difani, the office or mail them in.



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.

09/13/26 Service
 Liturgist: **Ellen Brandon**
 Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
 Special Music: **Flute**

09/20/26 Service
 Liturgist: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Chris Norton**
 Special Music: **Choir/Vocalist**

09/27/26 Service
 Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**
 Special Music: **Handbells**

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	11:00 AM	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
Wed	9/30	5:00 PM	Nominations for Council are due



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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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 9:15 am Loaves & Fishes / Mission Mtg 11 Crop Hunger Walk & Picnic 2 pm The Kinshift Concert 	28 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK 	29 10 am Book Club "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See 	30			