

St. John's United Church of Christ

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WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for coming! Please sign a pew card to place in the offering plate.

WORSHIP: When reading this bulletin Leader Speaks Plain Font, Everyone Speak Bold Font

Announcements

Nursery: There is no nursery attendant today so everyone is able to participate in Communion. Kids are welcome to quietly play in the back of the sanctuary or have their adult join them in the nursery.

The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm

Announcements

- ✦ **Listening Session** Sunday, August 17th after worship. Come with questions and concern to share in a safe and open environment. We will also have the listening space open for those of us who would like to join on Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83745466380?pwd=WvtL9sJMu42BL2lVwEFLiJW2z1OlY.1>
Meeting ID: 837 4546 6380
Passcode: 965169
- ✦ **Community Meal** every third Wednesday of the month from 5p-6p!
- ✦ **Every 3rd Sunday of the month**, St. John's leads services at **Heritage Woods** at 3 pm. Join after their service for time to socialize with the residents and meet some great people.
- ✦ **Blessing Box** could use some back stock of different foods. Canned goods, mixes, spices, noodles, crackers, cereal, nuts and granola bars are all great options.
- ✦ **Paper Angel Closet** needs Toothbrushes, Deodorant, and Dish soap.
- ✦ **Menards Ministry:** If you have unused Menards rebates, or even receipts. We use these rebates for projects around the church.
- ✦ **Open Door Fundraiser:** We are still collecting money to upgrade our parking lot doors. Our goal is to collect enough money to automate the doors and make it a double entry to hold the temperature in the office area.



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

Doxology

Praise God, through whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures here below,
 Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the
 work of our hands, and the gifts we bring. We
 dedicate them to your kingdom forever and ever.
 Amen.

Hymn #82 "Go, My Children"**Benediction****Postlude**

General Giving

**Special thanks to clarinetist Allison White for
 sharing her gift of music with us!**

*Rich Toward God: Service Prayers for the Eighth Sunday after
 Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for
 Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

Prelude**Announcements**

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Choral Introit "Step by Step"

Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you,
 Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in
 your ways,
 And, step by step, you'll lead me, and I will follow you all
 of my days.
REPEAT

Responsive Welcome Statement

At St. John's United Church of Christ, we are Living
 Outwardly & Valuing Everyone!

We live and work amid God's love!

In that spirit, we extend love to all who come into our
 midst, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity,
 race, nationality, skin color, culture, differing abilities,
 age or political affiliations, to participate fully in all as-
 pects of church.

**Our ministry is to bring the Good News of Christ's
 love to all.**

We work in God's name to tear down walls and build
 community,

**to walk with each other through all of life's circum-
 stances,**

to provide for those in need,

to offer comfort to the hurting and the sick,
 and to uplift the brokenhearted.

Where we fail, we ask for God's forgiveness.

May the Holy Spirit and our siblings continue to chal-
 lenge us to do better.

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's
 journey, you are welcome here!**

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 107)

Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

For the Holy One redeemed us and sustained us through the time of trouble.

Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good!

For the Compassionate One heard our cry and sustained us through the time of trouble.

Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

Invocation

Amazing God, we honor and celebrate your presence among us. We rejoice in your goodness and delight in your wonderful works. We lament the suffering of the world and take courage that you are with us. We ask that you make your presence known to us. Speak, O God, for we attune our attention for your guidance. Receive our praise as we glorify your name! Amen.

Hymn #68 "God is Truly with Us"**United Church of Christ Statement of Faith #885****Children's Time Blessing of the School Bags****Scholarship Fund Recipient: Heather Johnson****Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer****Hymn #174 "Hear the Voice of God so Tender"
(Verse 1, 2 and 4) (Tune: Beach Spring)****Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn—back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by

Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you have received an inheritance of riches in God. These treasures of hope, strength, encouragement, peace, grace, joy, rest, and love are yours to claim. They are yours to live. Receive them freely and abundantly.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Luke 12:13-21**Sermon "Riches and Tools for God"****Service of Communion****Blessing and Sharing the Elements**

All are invited to participate in this Holy symbol of Communion. You are invited to eat the as a sign of your own personal faith and hold the cup to drink together as a sign of our communion faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving**Invitation to Generosity****Mission Moment Northern Illinois Hospice****Musical Offering**