

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

NURSERY: Children are welcome in all aspects of worship. The nursery provides an alternative space so kids and parents can both get what they need from worship. Children are encouraged to check in with their adult before going downstairs with the nursery attendant.

Announcements

- ✦ **Worship at Heritage Woods Today and** every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm.
- ✦ **Community Meal** 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- ✦ **Coffee Hour** every first Sunday of the month at 9:30am
- ✦ **Fellowship Meal** every second Sunday of the month after worship.
- ✦ **The Belvidere Group (AA)** meets at everyday at 7pm.
- ✦ **Chair and Mat Yoga** with Katherine Ray is going weekly! Chair yoga at 10 AM and mat yoga at 11:30 AM. No RSVP required and classes are \$5.
- ✦ **Sunday School for Adults and Kids** on summer break.
- ✦ **Bible School: What every living thing needs** June 23-26th, 5pm-7pm
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The camera will focus on the box. Words will appear on the bottom of the screen. Tap on the words.

Fee Free digital donations can now be made on our website stjohs401.org. Follow the QR code and check out all the possibilities! This means no more buying checks and added security!

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Amazon List

<<<<<< We use an Amazon List to let people know what St. John's needs for our office and different ministries like the Paper Angel Closet and Community Meals. It is always changing. Check it out.



General Giving



Tea & Coffee

St. John's also has two ongoing fundraisers where you can order items and have them delivered right to your door with a portion of the proceeds supporting our ministries.



T-Shirts

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In the World: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday in Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "As we Gather"

As we gather may your Spirit work within us,
as we gather may we glorify your Name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.

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 aspects 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 circumstances,
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 challenge 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 68)

Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds—the Holy One— be exultant before God.
Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives power and strength to the people.

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!

HYMN #257 "Alleluia, Gracious Jesus" (Verses 1-3)

INVOCATION

Holy Love, our Companion and Source, shower us with your presence, shelter us in your sanctuary, shield us with your peace. Open our receptivity to your word, wisdom, and way. May our worship honor your name and draw us nearer to you and to our neighbors. Be glorified in our midst as we exalt your Many Names. Amen.

YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #522 "I Love to Tell the Story" (Verse 1 & 4)

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION & NEW LIFE

Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrected live in us transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF GRACE

New Creation in Christ, the resurrected life is yours. We place our hope in the assurance that, in Christ, all things are made new. Change is possible. The world we seek is ours to build, nurture, and sustain. God has given us grace and authority as well as a Companion to make a difference in the world. Receive these gifts freely as they are given.

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 John 17:1-11 NRSVUE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *"In the World"*

MOMENT FOR MISSION~ Mother House Crisis Nursery

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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 FOR THE OFFERING

Generous God, may these gifts we bring be used to bless, to build, and to beautify through generous and faithful care. Amen.

HYMN #303 "Rejoice, Give Thanks & Sing" (V. 1, 2 & 4)