

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: 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.

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

Just Like Me: Vacation Bible School June 23rd-27th 5-6:30pm. Registration is now open to all potty trained children. Anyone looking to help out can talk to Pastor Muriel or sign up on the sheet.



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

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- ✝ **Join us today after worship for our FELLOWSHIP MEAL.**
- ✝ **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 Bar Soap the most. We could also use toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, feminine Hygiene, bleach, shampoo, 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.

The Spirit of God has been poured out on us. For the gifts of God, we give thanks. For the grace of God, we extend our trust. For the love of God, we bring forth the gifts we have to give. May our offerings of time, talent, and treasure ignite and unite this community for the hope of the world around us, near and far.

Hymn #294 "There's a Spirit in the Air"
(Verse 1-6)

Benediction

Postlude

Truth, Trouble, and Fear: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.



General Giving

Prelude

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Choral Introit #285 "O Holy Dove of God Descending"
(Choir: Verses 1-2, ALL: Verses 3-4)

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 Acts 2:1 and Psalm 104)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

We join for worship online and onsite, in real time and sometimes days later, and yet,

The Holy One sends forth the Spirit.

Who unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.

We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and

fearfully, in the image of Holy Love.

God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community and the church.

May the glory of God the Fire endure forever!

Bless the Holy One, oh my soul. Praise God!

Invocation

Spirit of Unity, you knit us together with all of our connections and distinctions. You make us one and yet unique. We gather to hear your voice and to attune ourselves to the language of the other, to celebrate the diversity of your creation and to immerse ourselves in compassionate care, to give you glory and to recognize the gift of community. May our hearts be opened and our lips declare your praise. Inhabit our worship with your abiding presence and inflame us with your love. Amen.

Hymn #55 "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

Affirmation of Faith #886

Children's Time "God in our Hearts"

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #269 "Sweet Delight, most Lovely"
(Tune: Come, O Fount)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Spirit of God, fall fresh on us. Let your refining fire bring impurities to the surface for the fullness of who we are to shine through. Forgive us for the ways we allow our diversity to be a reason for divisiveness and exclusion rather than a celebration of your wondrous work in us. Enable us to overcome and eradicate the barriers that we create in the name of our convenience and comfort that push your beloved to the margins. Awaken in us a

desire to know and share space with neighbor, enemy, and kin. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, you have not received a spirit of fear, divisiveness, animus, or hate. Receive the true gift of God—the spirit of adoption—that binds us together as one and unique, connected and distinct, unified yet not uniform. The Spirit of God delights in you as the individual you are and are becoming as a co-heir with Christ of the kingdom as well as in the global human community that declares the creative breadth of the Holy One's creative acts and surpassing love.

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 14:8-17, 25-27

Sermon "Make the Invitation"

Invitation to Generosity

Mission Moment Mother House Crisis Nursery

Musical Offering

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