

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.

Announcements

- ✦ **Chair and Mat Yoga** with Katherine Ray every Saturday in November. Chair yoga at 10 AM and mat yoga at 11:30 AM. No RSVP required, classes are \$5 a piece per person.
- ✦ **Know Your Rights** All are invited to come to this information seminar cohosted by the League of Women Voters with a Immigration Lawyer teaching about how immigration works in the US.
- ✦ **Coffee Hour** We will be gathering every first Sunday at 9:30am for this fellowship. You can sign up to host in the Narthex.
- ✦ **Community Meal** every third Wednesday of the month from 5p-6pm.
- ✦ **Blessing Box** non-perishable are welcome.
- ✦ **Paper Angel Closet** needs toilet paper, paper towels, women's deodorant, 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.



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.



General Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, Source of Goodness and Grace,
 We thank you today for all you have given to us.
 When we bear more power and privilege, we are
 called to share more of our talents, time, and
 treasures. In our efforts to seek humility and balance,
 may we soberly evaluate our gifts and understand
 the healthiest ways to apportion them
 to strengthen your Realm and love your children.
 Amen.

Hymn #429 "Now Thank We"**Benediction**

Humbled or Exalted: Service Prayers for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.

Prelude**Announcements****Choral Introit "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
 Let the poor say, "I am rich
 because of what the Lord has done for us."
 And now let the weak say, I am strong."
 Let the poor say, "I am rich
 because of what the Lord has done for us."
 Give thanks.

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 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 65)

God moves with us throughout this earth and nurtures the soil,

Our neighbors are awed by God's works.

God's river flows with water, and the fields are blessed by the Spirit,

Our neighbors are awed by God's gifts.

God's wilderness fields overflow with joy.

Our neighbors are awed by God's grace.

Invocation

God of Love, Divine Friend,

Our hearts are open to you. If a thought crosses our minds, you are present and are ready to hold it for us. There is no emotion radiating from our souls that is too heavy or painful for you. Your Spirit encourages our dreams as we seek to find ways to build your Realm here on earth. May we work side-by-side, co-creating a world of possibilities where all experience your love and joy. Amen.

Hymn #422 "Come, O Thankful People, Come"

UCC Statement of Faith #885

Children's Time "Gratitude Attitude"

Pastoral Prayer~ The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #420 "We Praise You, O God"

Psalm 46 Responsively

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth

should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Come, behold the works of the LORD;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations;

I am exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

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 1:68-79

Sermon "Thank God"

Moment for Mission~ Remedies

Invitation to Generosity