

## **Announcements**

- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **The Belvidere Group (AA)** meets at everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- ✚ **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** During creature season, please, be mindful to have all food sealed in scent proof packaging.
- ✚ **Paper Angel Closet** needs 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 SPARKLE CREED

by Rev. Rachel Small Stokes

I believe in the non-binary God whose pronouns are plural.

I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads, and who saw everyone as a sibling child of God.

I believe in the rainbow Spirit, who shatters our image of one white light and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity.

I believe in the church of everyday saints, as numerous, creative, and resilient as patches on the AIDS quilt, whose feet are grounded in mud and whose eyes gaze at the stars in Wonder.

I believe in the calling to each of us, that love is love is love, so beloved, let us love.

I believe, glorious God. Help my unbelief.

Amen.

# 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.

**be used to continue the sacred celebration of you and your wonderful works. Amen.**

**Hymn #393 "Blessed be the Tie that Bind"**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*The Good Word By Rev. Ann B. Day, Program Coordinator, Open and Affirming Program of the United Church of Christ Coalition for LGBT Concerns 1987-2007, Originally published in Shaping Sanctuary*



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**It believes and hopes and endures.  
But sometimes even love falters.  
Then we may forgive and accept forgiveness,  
so that love may be renewed.**  
Sustained by God's Spirit,  
three things abide within and among us,  
faith, hope, and love.  
**And the greatest of these is 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 1: 43-51  
Psalm 139:1-12

**Sermon** "All the Unseen"

**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

**Loving Spirit, wonderful are your [General Giving](#)  
works! Empower us to work with you in that  
wonder. We celebrate you as we give of our time,  
talent, and treasures. Trusting that each gift will**

### Prelude

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**Choral Introit "In My Life Lord"**  
**In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life Lord, be glorified today.**

**In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my song Lord, be glorified today**

**In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.**

**In my heart Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In my heart Lord, be glorified today.**

### 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**

Let us call upon our hearts,

**To focus on the celebration of our faith.**

Let us call upon our siblings,

**As we invite each other to participate in the festivities.**

Let us call upon the Creator God,

**Who has and is creating new life with us.**

Let us call upon Jesus,

**Open us to his example of Extravagant welcome.**

Let us call upon the Holy Spirit,

**Instill in us the exuberance to carry the divine story to our broken world.**

Triune God, be with us.

**Amen.**

**Hymn #400 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"****The Sparkle Creed**

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**Children's Time "Celebrate Each Other"****Pastoral Prayer****Lord's Prayers**

**Our Heavenly Parent,**

**how holy is your name,**

**your Kin-dom come,**

**your 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 yours is the Kin-dom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever. Amen.**

**Hymn #383 "Come, Let us Join with Faithful Souls"****The Good Word**

**By Rev. Ann B. Day**

*(Based on I Corinthians 13:1-13)*

What's the "good word" we have for the world?

What do we say through the worship and witness of our church?

**We say, "We believe in God, known in Jesus Christ."**

We say, "Let there be justice and peace!"

**We say, "Come, accept the cost and joy of discipleship."**

We say, "Our congregation is Open and Affirming."

**It is good to voice our beliefs and commitments.**

**But say what we will, even in angelic tones,**

**if we do not love each other, our talk is cheap.**

**We shall sound to the world like clanging cymbals.**

We thank God for the joy of learning!

We are curious about the world within us,

the world around us and the worlds beyond us.

We wonder about the Creator of it all.

Exploring tradition, scripture, and experience,

we pray and reason together.

Our faith seeks understanding.

**It is good to grow in knowledge and wisdom.**

**But even if we knew everything,**

**even if we have mountain-moving faith,**

**if we do not love each other,**

**we have gained nothing.**

What does love ask of us?

**Love asks that we be patient and kind**

**as we build an inclusive faith community,**

**that we abandon arrogance,**

**that we risk new things,**

**that we not delight in the failings of others,**

**that we rejoice in discerning and living God's truth.**

Love is strong!