

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.

You Are Not Alone

The following support groups meet regularly at St. John's

- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm.
Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

Announcements

- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Meals on Wheels** delivery is July 21– 25
- ✚ **Community Meal** every third Wednesday of the month from 5p-6pm. Next meal will be July 16th.
- ✚ **Blessing Box** non perishable are welcome. Make sure any items in cardboard have an inner layer of protection to prevent creatures from contaminating the food.
- ✚ **Share Table** please place perishable items here.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Boone County Fair Fundraiser** August 5th-10th. We still have all timeslots open at Gate 5:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hdBzGV1iyXEgkmWxfnY90lh-9L8Ztfjcz3zBTjPHqpl/edit?usp=sharing>



St. John's Calendar

Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #454– Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Benediction

Children of God: you are loved into freedom, set loose on the world to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so go and love your neighbor, all of your neighbors, as you love yourself, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

Worship resources adapted from: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit– Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia
Repeat

I will praise him, I will praise him
I will praise him, I will praise him.
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 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– Responsively

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

Invocation– unison

God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.

Hymn #25– O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Apostles' Creed: an alternative version #882

Children's Time**Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer****Hymn #493– O Jesus, I Have Promised****Prayer for Transformation and New Life- unison**

Loving God, you give us freedom. In fact, in you, we live in perfect freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another. These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Grace– Leader

Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good news, for freedom Christ has set us free to live anew.

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

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon “Fruits of the Spirit”**Invitation to Generosity– Leader**

**Moment for Mission-5th Sunday
Pastor's Discretionary Fund**



General Giving

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– unison

Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world.

