

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** 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

HYMN #55 "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" (V. 1, 2, 4 & 5)**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

Who Is Thirsty: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost 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 "Wind of the Spirit"**

**Wind of the Spirit, move fresh as we worship
and fill us with hope ev'ry day.
Breath of creation, blow life in our being,
and gift us with purpose, we pray;
so our life is filled with meaning,
and love is what we're breathing in the wind of
the Spirit,
wind of the Spirit.**

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 104)

How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God's works!

How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.

How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit, Rejoice in the Holy One!

HYMN #59 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

INVOCATION

Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kingdom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power. Amen.

YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #62 "Come Share the Spirit" (Choir V: 1, ALL V: 2)

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION & NEW LIFE

Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us. Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and

glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF GRACE

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and 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 7:1-13 & 37-39 NRSVUE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *"Who Is Thirsty"*

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

Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kingdom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us. Amen.