

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: There is no nursery attendant today so everyone is able to participate in Communion. Kids are welcome to quietly play in the back of the sanctuary or have their adult join them in the nursery.

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.

minds and open hearts to live with great joy until we meet again.

Hymn #522 "I Love to tell the Story" (verses 1, 2, 4)

Benediction

Postlude

Opened Minds: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday of Easter was written by (Rev. ellie Hutchinson, who serves as the Minister for Congregational and Community Engagement for the United Church of Christ.

"The Blessing for Travelers" is reprinted from the *Occasional Services* 1982, adapted by TLW.



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

do indeed sense the image of You sprinkled throughout all of Creation.

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 24:36-53

Sermon "Baggage"

Service of Communion

Blessing and Sharing the Elements

All are invited to participate in this Holy symbol of Communion. You are invited to eat the as a sign of your own personal faith and hold the cup to drink together as a sign of our communion faith.



General Giving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We give thanks to you Creator, for the invitation
to be alive in a world full of possibility with open

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit "There's Bread for the Journey"

There's bread for the journey and friends for the way.
There's hope for tomorrow and love for today!
The cup of forgiveness, all blessings release,
to heal and renew us and bring us God's peace.
O Holy Spirit, bind us together, now.
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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

Creator, today we give you thanks
for believing we can be born again.

Creator, today we give you thanks
for the diversity of which all of Your creation is birthed.

Creator, today we give you thanks
for the knowledge that we aren't always right and for the capability to change.

Creator, today we give you thanks
for the desire to change structures and institutions that tell us community is less valuable than the individual.

Creator, today we give you thanks
for the positivity, resistance, and beauty in this some times ugly world.

Invocation

Creator, be with us as we live into all that is possible. You sent us a human to show us the value and dignity and beauty of all people. You created the change of seasons as a reminder of the beauty of our planet. We were not made sinful by design as so many interpretations go – You created us in Your image with the capabilities of loving so vastly and so greatly that healing and reconciliation are possible. Amen.

Hymn #304 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

The Apostles' Creed #881

Children's Time “All that We Need”

Blessing of Travelers

Today we seek God's blessing upon those among us who will travel this summer, entrusting them into the hands of the Lord. Let us pray that God will give them a prosperous journey and that, as they travel, they will praise God in all his creatures; that they will experience God's own goodness in the hospitality

they receive, and bring the Good News of salvation to all those they meet; that they will be courteous toward all; that they will greet the poor and afflicted with kindness and know how to comfort and help them.

Let us pray. Creator God, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage; you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea; and by a star you led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide those who set out to travel; make their ways safe and their homecomings joyful; and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #257 “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus” (Verse 1-3)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Creator, we have been led astray by the systems that promote individuality, greed, absolutism, and patriarchy. We know that you forgive us because You invite us into new birth again and again. You invite us to embody new understandings of collectivity and new ways of acting in and towards the world – to be witness to the evils of patriarchy and supremacy and the politics of people and ask us instead, to give gratitude and love. Be with us as we change to become more of what You ask us to be – joyful in the journey towards reparations and true Grace.

Words of Grace

We are indeed capable of opening our minds and our hearts and then to move in the world to live like Jesus had. We are looking up and looking out so that we may love, repent, and forgive one another for we