



# 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. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm

## Announcements

- ✚ **Listening Session** Sunday, August 17th after worship. Come with questions and concern to share in a safe and open environment. We will also have the listening space open for those of us who would like to join on Zoom.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83745466380?pwd=WvtL9sJMu42BL2lVwEFLiJW2z1OIiY.1>  
Meeting ID: 837 4546 6380  
Passcode: 965169
- ✚ **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** could use some back stock of different foods. Canned goods, mixes, spices, noodles, crackers, cereal, nuts and granola bars are all great options.
- ✚ **Paper Angel Closet** needs Toothbrushes, Deodorant, 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.



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

## 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

Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we celebrate the opportunity to contribute to the ministry of this faith community. Receive the resources we offer in love and hope that needs will be met, lives will be changed, and the world will receive the testimony of compassionate care, action, and sharing. Amen.

Hymn #451 "Be now my Vision" (Verse 1-3)

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Few Things Needed: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost* was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.



General Giving

## Prelude

### Announcements

### Choral Introit "As We Gather"

As we gather may your spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify your name  
Knowing well that as our heart begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
We'll be blessed because we came  
**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 (Inspired by Psalm 52)**

In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the name of God, for it is good.

**We thank you forever because of what you have done.**

Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety. We call your presence our home.

**We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.**

Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion, community and care.

**We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever.**

**Invocation**

**Abiding God, we invite you to inhabit our space. We long to renew our minds, restore our souls, and rest our presence before you. Still, we bring the burdens we carry into this gathering. We hold our responsibilities, cares, and concerns. Let us bind ourselves in your love and strength and the community of faithful and curious. We affirm that this time with you and one another equips and fortifies us for the journey and helps us discern the better way. Be glorified in our worship. Be honored by our praise. Be known by your people, O Creator, Teacher, and Friend. In your many names, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn #1 “Immortal, Invisible God only Wise” (v. 1,2,4)**

**A New Creed #887**

**Children's Time**

**Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #456 “More Love to You”**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Gracious God, evil surrounds us and entices us to join in its ways, of matching energy and returning evil for evil, of seeking the comfortable and convenient way over the common good, of turning from pain and despair rather than leaning into solidarity and support. Help us, O God, to choose the path you have paved and give us strength to journey into rough spaces. Surround us with hosts of righteousness and infuse us with peace that surpasses understanding as we serve as agents and ambassadors of your kingdom. As you continually make all things new, fill us with the joy of new life. Amen.**

**Words of Grace**

Citizen of the kingdom, commit anew to the joys and costs of discipleship. Creator has endowed you, in grace, the power to be witnesses of the Living God and the promise of the reign of God on earth. Release shame, doubt, and fear in order to choose good things and better ways to be in communion with the Triune God and neighbor.

**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 10:38-42  
John 11:1-16

**Sermon** “Death to Life”

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Mission Moment** Carpenter's Place