

Second Mile Offering

There are 6 seminaries in the UCC. Three of them are considered seminaries of the Midwest: Chicago, United, and Eden. (CUE)

Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School
New Haven, CT

Chicago Theological Seminary
Chicago, IL

Eden Theological Seminary
St. Louis, MO

Lancaster Theological Seminary
Lancaster, PA

Pacific School of Religion
Berkeley, CA

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
New Brighton, MN

Welcome to Worship
September 28, 2025

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 October 13-17 (last for 2025)
- ✚ **Community Meal** every third Wednesday of the month from 5p-6pm.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Trunk or Treat** October 26.
- ✚ **Habitat for Humanity** Lunch will be provided November 1st. A sign up will be available.
- ✚ **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.



St. John's Calendar

Moment for Mission– CUE**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

Listen to the promise of God:
 Those who love Me, I will deliver.
 I will protect those who know My name.
 When they call to Me, I will answer them;
 I will be with them in trouble.
 I will rescue them and honor them,
 and show them my saving power.

Hymn #478– I've Got Peace Like a River**Benediction****Postlude**

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

Prelude**Announcements****Choral Introit– “Surely It is God Who Saves Me”**

Surely it is God who saves me;
 I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-
 fense, and He will be my Savior.
 (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 iden-
 tity, 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 cir-
cumstances,**

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– Responsively**

We gather today to worship God, who listens when
 we call.

We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we
 call.

We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

Invocation— unison

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,

**we praise you for all you have given us,
for all you have done for us,
for all that you are to us.**

**In our weakness, you are strength,
in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.**

**We cannot number your blessings,
we cannot declare your love:**

For all your blessings, we bless you.

**May we live as in your presence,
and love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn #305— Ye Servants of God

The Apostles' Creed: an alternative version #882

Children's Time

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #1— Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Prayer for Transformation and New Life- unison

**O Lord, You have examined our hearts
and know everything about us.**

You know when we sit down or stand up.

You know our thoughts from afar.

You see when we walk or lie down,

You know every detail of our conduct.

**You even know what we are going to say before
we say it.**

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for us,
too great for us to understand.**

Cleanse us from hidden faults.

Keep us from deliberate sins.

Don't let them control us.

**Then we will be free of guilt,
and innocent of serious wrongdoing.**

Words of Grace— Leader

Listen to the promise of God:

Those who love Me, I will deliver.

I will protect those who know My name.

**When they call to Me, I will answer
them;**

I will be with them in trouble.

**I will rescue them and honor them,
and show them my saving power.**



[General Giving](#)

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

Psalm 91: 1-6. 14-16

I Timothy 6: 6-19

Sermon

Invitation to Generosity— Leader