



**St. John's
United Church of Christ
September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



[* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

***THE INTROIT** *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* No. 263

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L. We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

P: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.

L. Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

P. Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.

L. Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

P. Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us.^^

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* No. 5

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

**Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus.
Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the
same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in his name. Amen.^^**

ANTHEM *"We are the Hands of Christ"* Parker and Raney

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* (words below)

(Please joining in singing as the children return to their seats.)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L. We who have been richly blessed are called to share that blessing with the world. Give freely in the joy of serving your neighbor and your God.

OFFERING PRAYER (In Unison)

All that we do is in your holy name, O God. Even as we share the riches of our labors, may we continue to honor your name in all that we do. Bless these gifts given freely, that your justice and mercy may prevail in a weak and weary world. Amen.^^

SCRIPTURE *Mark 7:24-37 (NIV)*

SERMON *"Who are You?"* Rev. Stephen Moore

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our Debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***THE HYMN** *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* No. 586(vs. 1 & 2)

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN** *"Go in Peace"* No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^^From Ministry Matters (adapted)

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Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

The Church Board has voted to follow CDC recommendation. Everyone is asked to wear a mask inside the building regardless of vaccination status. Please remember that those who do not feel safe among people in public places are encouraged to remain home and worship virtually.

Worship services will be found on the church website, www.myucc.org, by clicking on the "sermons" tab.

Many hearts. Many voices. One church.

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Pastor Dennis Frische-Mouri Pastor Linda Frische-Mouri
Liturgist	David Culp
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Head Usher	Ray Pieper
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Sound	Jonathan Lange & Brian Fillingim
Projection	Jana Vieck
Church Board President	Mark Lange
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill

Would you consider being a **FAMILY PRAYER PARTNER?**

What is a Family Prayer Partner, you ask?

A Family Prayer Partner is a person, or couple, who is paired with a family in our church and who agrees to pray for that family, take an interest in that family's activities, and acknowledge them when they come to church.

How do I become a Family Prayer Partner?

Sign up at the table in the foyer (Sept. 12th, 19th, and 26th) and draw a family name.

For how long is the commitment?

From Oct 2021 to Sept 2022

What if I can't keep my commitment for the full year?

Just let a CE committee member know and they will find a replacement.

Is there anything else I should do for this family?

If you choose to do so, you can also send birthday/congratulatory cards. Birthdates will be provided.

What is the purpose of having Family Prayer Partners?

The purpose of Family Prayer Partners is to help church individuals/couples to get involved with families; create new/stronger connections within the church; and help families feel supported by St. John's.



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's UCC



Our guest preacher is Rev. Stephen Moore. Rev. Moore is a UCC Minister who has served St. John's UCC, Center Point for 12 years and Bethany UCC, West Terre Haute for 14 years. Stephen taught science in the Vigo County School Corporation and at Indiana State University for the Center for Science Education. He is presently teaching elementary science education classes at Indiana State University. Welcome Rev. Moore!

Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, myucc.org

MONDAY, Sept. 6

Labor Day Office closed

TUESDAY Sept. 7

SANDY'S Pantry 11-12:30pm

Evangelism & Membership

WEDNESDAY, Sept.8

Choir practice 7pm

Christian Education 6pm

THURSDAY, Sept. 9

SANDY'S Pantry 11-12:30pm

SATURDAY, Sept. 11

KFC Wabash Trails cookout 5-8pm

Looking Ahead

MONDAY, Sept. 13

BABE store 12-4:30pm

FRIENDS 5-6:15

WEDNESDAY, Sept.15

Choir practice 7pm

FRIDAY, Sept. 17

Newsletter Deadline

SPECIAL SUNDAYS are coming!

On the **last Sunday of each month**, beginning in September, children and youth who attend Sunday School on that Sunday will be treated to a VBS type experience. (Why save all that VBS fun for only the summer?) Mark your calendars and make a **special** effort to attend **Special Sundays!**

The installation of Reverend Adin Rodgers as Pastor of Bethany UCC, West Terre Haute will be on Sunday, September 5 at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join in this celebrations of Adin's ministry and his work with the congregation and community