



**St. John's
United Church of Christ
July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**



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

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

P. We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

L. Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

P. We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

L. It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

P. May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. ^^

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"Amazing Grace"* No. 546

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer.

AMEN. ^^

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Bell Choir

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.

OFFERING PRAYER (In Unison)

Outspoken Prophet, hear the message we are speaking through these our gifts and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love to those whose voices have been silenced. May they strengthen our congregation so that we may continue to listen to those in need. Amen.⁺¹

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

"Making the Right Decisions"

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** *"How Firm a Foundation"* No. 618 vs. 1,2,3,5

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{^^}Ministry Matters

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*Wearing masks and social distancing are recommended for those who are **not** fully vaccinated.* 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	Rev. Dennis L. Frische-Mouri Rev. Linda L. Frische-Mouri
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Head Usher	Jill Lopez
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Sound	Jonathan Lange & Brian Fillingim
Projection	Jana Vieck
Church Board President	Mark Lange
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill

Please Read!



St. John's UCC uses photographs and video to promote, advertise, and show results of public events inside and outside of the church. Please sign the media form located in the back of the church to say you consent to this. There will be a tray that you can put your signed form in or you can mail, email or drop off to the church office.



Marketplace VBS is in the works for the August Sunday mornings! A few more volunteers are still needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the nursery if interested. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. See Jill Lopez for more information.

Only two Sundays left to sign up to present your talent, July 25 and August 8



Be on the look out for your mid year giving statement it is being mailed out in July. If you would prefer a digital copy just call the church office to request one.



Please send all prayer request emails to **Brenda Roark** instead of Janet Goodman from July 11-August 1. Include all information that the recipient of the request would like and include your name as the person sending the request. We try very hard to put only information that the person would like on the prayer request. We want to respect the privacy and feelings for those we pray for. Brenda's email address is bjr72@hotmail.com Thank you!



THIS WEEK in the Life of **ST. JOHN'S UCC**

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



SUNDAY, July 11

Worship 10:30

Children's church

General Synod opening worship 5-6:30 pm

MONDAY, July 12

BABE Store 12-4:30pm

WEDNESDAY, July 14

Christian Ed 6pm

General Synod Mid-week worship 8-9:30 pm

THURSDAY, July 15

100 Women Who Care 6:30

FRIDAY, July 16

Newsletter article deadline

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, July 18

Worship 10:30

Children's church

General Synod Closing worship 6-8 pm

MONDAY, July 19

BABE Store 12-4:30pm

Worship comm. 6pm

Church Board 7pm

FRIENDS Pool Party Rainbow Beach 6:30-7:30

THURSDAY, July 22

Technology Comm 1pm

A special event will occur today - Sunday, July 11 - at Salem UCC church in Westphalia! Join in witnessing the installation of Jesse Letourneau as its Pastor this afternoon at 3:00pm. A cake and punch reception will follow.