

# St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship      March 2, 2025

*Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany*

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

## Ringling of the Chimes

## Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the \* indicates when you should stand*

*Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)*

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

**And also with you**

## Prelude

*"Tempo di Valse"*

Poldini

## \*The Call to Worship      Based on Psalm 1

The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

**We have been called to pray and to praise.**

We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

**May the light of Love burn brightly in us.**

May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

**May it become a beacon of hope for others.**

## \* Hymn

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

#66

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praises we render: O help us to see  
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**\*Gathering Prayer** *(In Unison)*

God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, we thank you for meeting us where we are. We thank you also for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten our minds, radiate our hearts, and ready us for your Word of Love. Let it shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world. Amen.

**Time for the Child in us All**

**Pastor Katie Jo**

*"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*  
**Child of God your loving parent,  
Learn to listen for God's call  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
Trust and love God more than all.**

**Special Music**

*"Holy Ground"*

**Davis arr. Larson**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-36**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

**The Shining Face of Moses**

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

**Luke 9:28-36**

**The Transfiguration**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world,  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****Invitation to Give Generously**

*(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)*

**Offertory***"Shine Jesus, Shine"***Graham arr. Larson****\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*

Spirit of Love, shine on us again and again that we may become the blessing you intend.  
Keep awakening us to Your holy mystery and Your sacred call. Bless these gifts we bring so  
that Your energy of love may be shared with others and offer the light of a new beginning.  
Continue to transfigure us and the world. Amen.

**COMMUNION****Invitation****Remembering the Story**

## Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal *(the gluten free wafers are on a separate tray)*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we have tasted the light of your love and seen your glory at this table. Now, transform us to find your glory in everyone and everything. This we pray in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn	“ Shine Jesus, Shine”	
Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us Shine on me, shine on me  [Refrain] Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father’s glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light	Lord, I come to your awesome presence From the shadows into your radiance By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]  As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]	

## Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**  
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**  
Liturgist: **Marilee Dauster**  
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**  
Communion: **Helen Stortz & Mary Jane Duperrett**  
Flute: **Jennifer Adams**

## *Announcements*

**Global Ministries** requests that we pray with **Indonesia** this week

We pray for  
**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina,  
Rev. Peter Muschinske, Anita Paz, Mark Strothmann and Gloria Vaclavik.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns.

If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

**03/09/25 Service**  
 Liturgist: **Lynn Potts**  
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**  
 Special Music: **Violin**

**03/16/25 Service**  
 Liturgist: **Daniel Dolan**  
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**  
 Special Music: **Chancel Choir**

**03/23/25 Service**  
 Liturgist: **Rev Rich Brandon**  
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**

## *... Looking Ahead*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Bimonthly Newsletter</b>
Wed	3/5	11:00 AM	Senor Ministry Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Bingo, All are Welcome (rsvp or pay at the door)</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/9</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Movie "The Greatest Showman" join us.</b>
Sun	3/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due EOD
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/10</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Lenten Study join us.</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3/15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Habitat build date (volunteer)</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Lenten Study join us.</b>
Mon	3/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Lenten Study join us.</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3/25</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Book Group "The Second Life of Mirielle West"</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3/25</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Women's Game Night join us.</b>
Wed	3/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due End Of Day
<b>Thu</b>	<b>3/27</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Table Fellowship join us.</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Speaker, Dr. Curtis Cain Rockwood Schools Superintendent</b>
Sun	3/30	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Lenten Study join us.</b>

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities  
<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>



online giving



**St. John's News & Events**

**Join us on Sundays**  
 9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** in Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**  
 10:00 a.m. – **Worship**  
 In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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Sign up for Activities easily using the camera on your mobile phone  
and the QR codes below

VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



Volunteer Now

Bingo 3/8



RSVP

Movie "The Greatest Showman"



Sun, 3/9 at 11:00 AM

Lenten Study



Monday 10 AM

Habitat Build 3/15



RSVP

Women's Game Night



3/25 RSVP

Table Fellowship



3/27 RSVP

Ronald McDonald House



Volunteer

## Bingo

Saturday **March 8th 6-8 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

❖ Bingo games

❖ prizes

❖ ice cream sundae bar and

❖ popcorn provided.

❖ BYOB



Admission **\$5/adult** (12+ yrs) **and**  
a cash or **donation for Lydia's House.**  
Please RSVP number of adults/kids.