

# St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship      October 27, 2024

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringing 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**

*"Jubilee!"*

**Sherman**

**\*The Call to Worship**

Trustworthy God, we gather together to share in worship and to celebrate our joy.

**The LORD has done amazing things for us! What joy is to be found in God!**

Amazing God, we gather to rejoice in the wonderful blessings of your grace.

**Our hearts and spirits dance with joy at the glory of God's presence.**

Home-coming God, we gather to praise and thank you for the way you respond to our prayers; and we give thanks that you bless us every day with your mercy.

**Generous God, you have answered our prayers and met our real needs, and so we rejoice that you have turned our tears into songs and prayers of praise and joy. Amen.**

**\* Hymn**

*"Come, Be Glad!"*

**#329 vs 1,2,4,5**

**Come, be glad! Sing and praise!  
See what God has done!  
Formed the earth, spread the seas,  
set in place the mountains;  
radiant sun, shining stars,  
rivers, plains and fountains.**

**Come, with joy! Fill your hearts!  
See what God has done!  
Holy Flame, Spirit, Fire,  
burns in each believer  
bringing life, love and joy,  
binding all together.**

**Come, my soul lift your eyes!  
See what God has done!  
Led the slaves through the sea  
to a promised blessing;  
faithful love, day and night,  
guarding and protecting.**

**Come, give thanks! Sing God's praise!  
See what God has done!  
Sends us out to obey  
"Go and make disciples."  
Christ alive! Christ alone  
reigns in glory always.**

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

God of all peoples, we are your wayward children, returning to find rest and renewal. We are also disciples of Christ, eager for new insights and firm direction. Fill us now with the warmth of your presence that we may find new joy in your service. May we be your people in all our thoughts and actions. Amen.

**Special Music**

*"Feed My Lambs"*

**Sleeth**

**Time for the Child**

**Rev Katie Jo Bielke**

*"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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scriptures: Psalm 126**

**A Harvest of Joy**

**A Song of Ascents.**

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 5 May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.
- 6 Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**\* Hymn**

*"We Are A Part of the Land"*

We are grateful dear Creator  
for blessings of our lives  
for neighbors and for children  
for husbands and for wives  
And in humble adoration  
before your throne we bow  
Who are we that you should love us  
your new creation now

**Chorus:**

We-----are a part of the land  
a sacred treasure for the world to share

We----are a part of the land  
Beneath the open sky  
we find your presence there

It's really not surprising  
that we call it Mother Earth  
for it's from the land you formed us  
from soil that we have birth  
It's a gift of life and living  
for people near and far  
For the land that we remember  
is a part of who we are (Chorus)

Forgive our tired impatience  
when the rains are slow to fall  
give us each a sense of humor  
when it's muddy wall to wall  
Let your blessing rest upon us  
as the fruitful earth we till  
If feeding hungry people  
is according to your will (Chorus)

It's a way of life we cherish  
that keeps us near the field  
and we pray that all your goodness  
will blossom in its yield  
That the needs of all your children  
may be met by heav'nly grace  
The land will be a blessing  
for all the human race (Chorus)

**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**

*"This is My Maker's World"*

**arr. Ingram**

**\*Doxology** *(In Unison)*

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)*

Holy One, we thank you for our abundance and the privilege to share in the flourishing of our community and the world. Bless these gifts and be glorified by our generosity and trust in your provision, sufficiency, and renewing power. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	#2
<p>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,          God of glory, Lord of love;          hearts unfold like flowers before thee,          opening to the sun above.          Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,          drive our fear and doubt away;          giver of immortal gladness,          fill us with the light of day.</p> <p>All thy works with joy surround thee,          earth and heaven reflect thy rays,          stars and angels sing around thee,          center of unbroken praise.          Field and forest, vale and mountain,          flowery meadow, flashing sea,          chanting bird and flowing fountain          call us to rejoice in thee.</p>	<p>Thou art giving and forgiving,          ever blessing, ever blest,          well-spring of the joy of living,          ocean depth of happy rest!          Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,          all who live in love are thine;          teach us how to love each other,          lift us to the joy divine.</p> <p>Mortals, join the happy chorus;          stars of morning, take your part;          love divine is reigning o'er us,          binding those of tender heart.          Ever singing, move we onward,          victors in the midst of strife,          joyful music lifts us sunward          in the triumph song of life.</p>	

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**

Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Steve Hawkinson**

Chancel Choir: **Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Jeanne Buchner, Don Duperrett, Mary Jane Duperrett, Carolyn Golfin, Susie Pisoni, Helen Stortz, Evelyn Weber**

Handbells: **Norma Armstrong, Pastor Katie Jo Bielke, Jan Boehm, Lee Difani, Barb Nichols, Scott Nichols, Ruth Notch, Jim Pisoni**

*Announcements*

We pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Kevin Beatty, Donna Dollgener, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina and Gloria Vaclavik.** Please let us know your prayer concerns  
 If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

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

<p><b>11/3/24 Service</b>          Liturgist: <b>Ellen Brandon</b>          Usher Team: <b>John Bartelt</b>          Technology: <b>Steve Hawkinson</b>          Fellowship/Lockup: <b>Carol Tindira</b>          Special Music: <b>Clarinet</b></p>	<p><b>11/10/24 Service</b>          Liturgist: <b>Warren Stemme</b>          Usher Team: <b>Phil Difani</b>          Technology: <b>Steve Hawkinson</b>          Fellowship/Lockup: <b>Carol Tindira</b></p>	<p><b>11/17/24 Service</b>          Liturgist: <b>Carolyn Golfin</b>          Usher Team: <b>Ken Ruff</b>          Technology: <b>Steve Hawkinson</b>          Fellowship/Lockup: <b>Carol Tindira</b></p>
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### 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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### ... Looking Ahead

Sun	10/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/27	5:00 PM	Stemme Farm Picnic
Fri	11/1	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
Sat	11/2	8:00 AM	Gateway Housing Service Project (please RSVP Narthex or QR)
Sat	11/2	6:00 PM	Lions Club Trivia Night @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Sun	11/3	12:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sun	11/3	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday Global Ministries Pray for Armenia/Lebanon
Sun	11/3	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Mon	11/4	10:00 AM	Poinsettia Orders Due
Mon	11/4	1:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting zoom
Wed	11/6	10:15 AM	Tour of Sappington House (please RSVP Narthex or QR code below)
Thu	11/7	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Sun	11/10	10:00 AM	Hymn Sing Service Global Ministries Pray for East Timor
Sun	11/10	11:00 AM	Christian Education Committee
Mon	11/11	1:00 PM	Exec Council Meeting
Mon	11/11		Veterans Day (office closed)
Wed	11/13	6:00 PM	Card Making in the fellowship hall
Fri	11/15	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
Sun	11/17	10:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Eswatini
Mon	11/18	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed	11/20	10:00 AM	"Book Group "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles".
Thu	11/21	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Thu	11/21	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship at TBD (please RSVP Narthex or QR code below)
Sun	11/24	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	11/24	10:00 AM	Totenfest Global Ministries Pray for Korea
Sun	11/24	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	11/24	12 noon	Combined Thanksgiving Dinner (RSVP Narthex or QR code below)

(Join us for a combined Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall with St. Thomas and Ivy UCC churches.)

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>



Volunteer for GHSP



Sappington House Tour



RSVP TABLE FELLOWSHIP



Thanksgiving Dinner RSVP



online giving

All items must be NEW and bring to Church by Sunday, November 24th



**EVERY CHILD'S HOPE**

**Hope Chest – SUGGESTED GIFT SHOP ITEMS  
(NEW ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE!)**



**HIGHEST NEEDS  
are highlighted!**

**Men's Items:**

- Aftershave
- Belts
- Body Care Gift Sets
- Car Wash Supplies
- Cologne
- Gloves
- Hats
- House Slippers
- Neck Ties
- Scarves
- Shaving Cream
- Sports Hats
- Stocking Hats
- Sunglasses
- Tool Kits
- Wallets
- Watches

**Electronics:**

- \*Nothing w/ Camera or Internet Accessibility!\**
- Auxiliary Cords
- DVD/BlueRay
- Earbuds & Headphones
- Handheld Games
- Headphones
- MP3 Players
- Portable DVD Player
- Speakers
- USB Chargers

**Sports:**

- Baseballs/Bat/Glove
- Basketballs
- Fishing Gear/Pole
- Footballs
- Gym Bags
- Gloves
- Hockey Puck/Stick
- Jump Ropes
- Kick Balls
- Resistance Bands
- Rubber Bases
- Skip-it
- Soccer Balls
- Softballs/Bat
- Tennis Balls/Racket
- Volleyballs
- Yoga Mats

**Teacher's Items:**

- Body Care Gift Sets
- Blankets/Throws (fleece)
- Book Bag or Travel Bag
- Candles/Melt Warmer
- Small Kitchen Appliance
- Travel Tumbler Cups

**Baby/Toddler Items:**

- Baby/Toddler Toys
- Bibs & Burp Cloths
- Board Books
- Educational/Learning Toys

**Jewelry:**

- \*Men's & Women's\**
- \*In Box if Possible\**
- Bracelets
- Earrings
- Jewelry Sets
- Necklaces (Dressy)
- Watches
- Wristbands

**Wrapping:**

- Bows
- Clothing Gift Boxes
- Gift Bags
- Scotch Tape
- Tags
- Tissue Paper

**Miscellaneous:**

- DVD/BlueRay
- Dishes/Pots/Utensils
- Flashlight
- Hanging Clothes Organizer
- Money Banks
- Small Kitchen Appliances
- Travel Bags
- Travel Tumblers/Cups
- Water Bottles

**Books:**

- \*No Violence or Sensitive Topics\**
- All Ages/Levels

**Women's Items:**

- Blow Dryer
- Body Care Gift Sets
- Curling Iron
- Fanny Packs
- Hairbrushes
- Headbands
- Leggings/Tights
- Make-up
- Nail Polish
- Perfume
- Ponytail Holders/Barrettes
- Purses
- Sunglasses
- Wallets

**Crafts:**

- Backpack/Craft Bag
- Canvas
- Chalk
- Clay
- Easel
- Friendship Bracelet Kits
- Kinetic Sand
- Models
- Model Sets
- Origami Paper/Sets
- Paint & Paint Brushes
- Paint-By-Number Sets
- Play-dough
- Rainbow Loom & Supplies
- Rock Painting Kit

**Items we do NOT  
need at this time**

(Have plenty!):

- Albums or Frames
- Blankets
- Board Games
- Bubbles
- Card Games
- Clothes
- Colored Pencils
- Coloring Books
- Cookbooks
- Crayons
- Flash Cards
- Frisbees
- Journals
- Kites
- Markers
- Mugs
- Puzzles
- Scarves
- Scrapbook Kits
- Scribble Pads
- Slime-making Kits
- Seeds
- Stationary
- Stickers
- Stuffed Animals
- Trinkets
- Word Search/Find

**Toys:**

- \*Nothing Sharp\**
- \*No Toy Guns\**
- \*No Stuffed Animals\**
- Action Figures
- Barbies
- Blocks
- Comic Books
- Dolls
- Educational Toys
- Hot Wheel Cars
- Legos
- Nerf Balls
- Paddle Balls
- Toy Dishes & Toy Food

**Please Search  
Amazon for ECH's  
Amazon Gift List**

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