



St. John's United Church of Christ
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

~ Communion ~

Sunday, August 4, 2024

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

Words of Welcome: "God is in control."

— Proverbs 19:21

Organ Prelude: "Aubade on ROYAL OAK"

— Ashdown

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship (Based on Ephesians 4)⁺:

L: We have come together as one.

P: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

L: We will worship together as one.

P: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

L: We are being empowered as one by One.

P: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

L: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

P: One God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

L: Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

P: One people, giving witness to the power of One.

*Opening Hymn:

"We Praise You, O God"

#726

*Prayer of the Day⁺:

Holy Redeemer, we come before you now in praise. We give you thanks for your blessings, for your love, and for the grace we have seen in Jesus. As we unite around the Bread of Life, empower us to be your disciples. Take this worship moment and use it to strengthen our faith, increase our love for all the world, and open our hearts to the ways you call us to live as your disciples. For we pray in Jesus's name, Amen.

Prayer Response:

"Glory Be to the Father"

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Mission Moment:

Neighbors In Need (UCC)

Especially for Children

The Song:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Sermon:

"Bread of Life: Satisfied"

Hymn: "We Meet as Friends at Table" ~ see words

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: "Sicilenne" — Von Paradis

Doxology #34

Offertory Prayer

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

[We share an open communion here at St. John's. All who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior are invited.]

The Communion Prayer and Words of Institution: The Lord's Prayer:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Sharing of the Bread & Cup: *(Note that there are grapes in the trays – these grapes are offered for youth who are not yet taking full Communion. We want them to start experiencing the meaning of communion and feel included.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" #711

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: "O Worship the King" arr. Aber

+ Adapted from re-worship.blogspot.

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:

August 4	Kristina Frye	Neighbors In Need (UCC)
August 11	Gary Weber	Huntersville School House Fund
August 18	Danny Narwold	Granny Connection
August 25	Sarah Dobson	Batesville Area Ministerial Association (Food Pantry)



St. John's Prayer List – Those Bereaved *(these names remain on for one year):*

Marian Koester; Willis Rouse; Doris Lamping; John Moody.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:

Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Carolyn Carson (Breast Cancer, Grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Randy & Becky Schebler; Margaret Meyers; Delores Cornett; Robert Weber; Sandi Maxwell (Cancer, friend of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Georgia Haarman; Dan Borchelt (Cancer, uncle to Barb Foster, cousin to Paul Borchelt); Danny & Patty Canterbury (On her Recovery, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Steve & Ann Koph (Health Issues, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Olivia Williams (daughter of Tim & Sara Putnam); Connie Miller (On her Recovery); Lori Brown (Health Issues, neighbor of Dale Koester); Loretta Jones (Health Issues, cousin to Dale Koester); the family of Larry Sarringhaus; Joe Gutzwiller (On his Recovery from Heart Surgery, brother of Tom Gutzwiller); The Family of JoAnn Widerquist on her passing (Aunt to Mike Schumacher).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Bryce Timonera, Chris Williams.

Our Members & Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes:

St. Andrews, Batesville: Margaret Meyers, Carol Narwold.

Aspen Place, Greensburg: Charlotte Huffmeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 4: Communion Sunday
- August 18: David Hanson Organ Recital @ 4pm
- August 21: Messenger Deadline

Announcements

Save the Date for this truly special event!



- Who:*** David Hanson
- What:*** Organ Recital
- When:*** Sunday, August 18th at 4pm
- Where:*** St. John's UCC, Huntersville
- Why:*** In observance of 50 years as church organist in the greater body of Christ.

SCRIPTURES



Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.



John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Hymns

We Praise You, O God (page #726)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You; we kneel and adore you;
We bless Your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you
have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise;
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Glory Be to the Father (page #734)

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. Amen.

We Meet as Friends at Table

We Meet as Friends at Table,
to listen, and be heard,
united by the Spirit,
attentive to the Word.
Through prayer and conversation
we tune our varied views
to Christ, whose love has made us
the bearers of good news.

With food and drink for sharing
the table soon is spread.
The freedom meal of Jesus
is crowned with wine and bread,
and all, without exception,
may eat, and speak, and stay,
for this is Christ's own table
where none are turned away.

We share our lives and longings,
and when the meal is done
we pray as friends at table,
and promise to be one.

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We Meet as Friends at Table (continued)

To Christ, and to each other,
we cheerfully belong:
apart, our hope is fruitless;
together, we are strong.

Fulfilled, and glad to follow
wherever Christ may lead,
we journey from the table
to love a world in need
with patience, truth and kindness,
that justice may increase
and all may sit at table
in freedom, joy, and peace.

Doxology (page #34)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (page #711)

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn all our darkness to your perfect light;
then while we sleep, our hope and strength renew,
for dark and light are both alike to you.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life:
comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife;
then, when your voice shall make our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.