

July 18, 2021

St. John's United Church of Christ
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006

Worship Service: 9:00am
Sunday School: 10:15am

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

Words of Welcome: "Say to those who have an anxious heart.
"Be Strong; Fear Not!" ~ Isaiah 35:4



Thought to Ponder: The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave the wrong thing unsaid at the most tempting moment.

Organ Prelude: "Andante" (from the Violin Concerto) — Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 89) Please respond "I will sign of your everlasting love forever."

L: Holy One, your love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Because of this...

L: You make covenants with your people, with Creation. Your grace is seen in the very beauty of nature.
Therefore...

L: In good times and bad, you are with us; in all generations, your Spirit moves, guides, and comforts.
In response...

L: Holy God, your faithfulness is without end and your steadfast love extends to all. And so...

Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #48

*Prayer of the Day⁺:

Holy and wise God, we seek your presence now. Speak to us. Move among us. Let us hear your voice. Empower us in our walk as your disciples. Help us to see your ways... and to live them out. Inspire us to see others as your children... and to love them as you have first loved us. And in all things, allow us to rest in you and your grace. For we pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Mission Moment: St. John's Scholarship Fund

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.

Special Music: "As the Deer" Performed by Jane Link

Reading from the Holy Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Message: "A House"

Hymn

“This is My Father’s World”

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings:

Organ Offertory:

“Saint’s Delight”

arr. Harris

*Offertory Prayer:

Closing Hymn:

“Here I Am Lord”

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*Benediction:

Organ Postlude:

“A Festal Fanfare”

— J. S. Bach

+Adapted from UCC Worship Ways, original by ????

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

BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR:

July 4 Southeast IN Health Clinic
July 11 Crossroads Children’s Home
July 18 St. John’s Scholarship Fund
July 25 Fernside

All offerings placed in the pew envelopes go to the mission for that Sunday. Your weekly offerings for the Local Church Expenses, Benevolences, and Building Fund should be placed in regular numbered church offering envelopes. These are available at the back of the church. If you are visiting with us this morning, we invite you to sign a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for worshipping with us.



St. John’s Prayer List – July, 2021

Those Bereaved (these names remain on for one year): Earl L. Wilhelm (brother to John and Cindy Wilhelm); Jessica Wiedeman (friend of Charrel Raver & Cindy Wilhelm); Steve Gookins (brother-in-law to Myron & Linda Kanning); Jim Brutsche (Kristina Frye & family); Zane Koester (cousin to Dale & Marian Koester and Barb Foster); Scott Vonderheide (father to Keevan Vonderheide, cousin to Mike & Gayla Vonderheide); Howard Wessel; Carol Pinckney (friend of Elizabeth Hall); Lois Strand (mother to Dawn Buettner); Edgar Schebler (brother to Randy Schebler); Mildred (Darringer) Frye; Dick Sitterding; Vicki Wilhelm.

*Our Prayer List is an important part of ministry for our congregation. If you would like to have a name added, please fill out the Prayer List Request form and turn it in to the office. **If you would like to help update us on the condition of someone who is on the prayer list, we appreciate those notes also. If you added a name and the person can now be removed from our prayer list, please let the church office know. Our list is only as good as you make it. Thank you.***



Scriptures

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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, unshaking, 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 changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.



This Is My Father's World

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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand
The wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget
That though the wrong is great and strong,
God is the ruler yet.

He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair-
All earth and trees, all skies and seas,
all creatures everywhere.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, he speaks
to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns,
let earth be glad!

Here I Am Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

SERMON SERIES:

We come to the Communion Table approximately once a month. But why? What are the deeper meanings found in it? And how do they connect to our everyday lives? Pastor Joey will explore these themes in a sermon series on Communion. It will begin on July 25 (Homecoming Sunday). You won't want to miss this sermon series, so join us at church or online!