



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

Father's Day ~ Sunday, June 16, 2024

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

Words of Welcome: "The righteous who walks in his integrity –
blessed are his children after him!" ~ Proverbs 20:7
"Happy Father's Day to ALL Fathers & Father Figures!"

Organ Prelude: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
– Spiritual/arr. Taylor

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 92):

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, our God;
To sing praises to the name of our Creator.

P: Let us declare God's steadfast love in the morning.

Let us sing about God's faithfulness all night long.

L: How great are the works of our God!

How majestic are the thoughts of the One who made us.

P: In the Lord, the righteous flourish like the palm tree;

They grow like a trunk of a cedar.

L: Let us be planted in the house of our God.

Then we shall bear fruit all the days of our lives.

P: From this forward and forevermore, shall the grace of our God flow forth.

For God is our Rock and Redeemer.

*Opening Hymn:

"This Is My Father's World"

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Prayer of the Day⁺:

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear. You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response:

"Glory Be to the Father"

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Mission Moment:

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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: I Samuel 15:34-16:13
Mark 4:26-34

Special Music: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" ~ Pastor Joey

Sermon: "Seeds"

Hymn: "Pass It On" #557

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Englert

Doxology #34

Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" #430

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: "Trumpet Recessional" — Kihlken

+ From re-worship.blogspot, original by Nancy C. Townley.

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

June 16: Happy Father's Day
June 20: Messenger Deadline

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 26: Quilters: 9:30am-3pm

LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:

June 16	Bev Schwier	Merom
June 23	Donna Weber	Back Bay Mission
June 30	Linda Kanning	St. John's Youth Fund
July 7	Jane Link	Southeast Indiana Health Clinic



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 For:

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 (Melanoma diagnosis and health issues, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Olivia Williams (Surgery & Recovery, daughter of Tim & Sara Putnam); Connie Miller (Recovery from Heart Surgery); Lori Brown (Health Issues, neighbor of Dale Koester); Loretta Jones (Heart Issues, cousin to Dale Koester).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

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

Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes: *(For Peace)*

St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Margaret Meyers; Carol Narwold.



Sign-up sheets for the Church Picnic



are on the table. The sheets are for donations, for working different stations or helping with a variety of duties. Please take a look and be sure to do your part to make our picnic a successful and fun event for all! If you can't make it in, please don't hesitate to call the office.

FYI: Super Casual Sunday Worship July 21st!!

Dress casually and stay after church to help with Picnic Pre-Prep; shouldn't take more than a couple of hours of your time. *Tasks include:* Kitchen prep, placing items where they will be needed, set-up of tables for the food line and lots of miscellaneous.

Any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to someone on the Sunday school board!

ORGANIZE THE CLUTTER DAY:

It has come to the attention of the council that many of the storage spaces around the church have become quite cluttered. If you have items stored around the church, please organize and label them before August 1st. The council would like to schedule an organization day sometime in August to tidy the areas. Things that are not labeled by then may be discarded.

Clutter represents
indecision.
Make a decision and
clear the clutter.

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



I Samuel 15:34-16:13:

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



Mark 4:26-34: [Jesus] also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



Hymns

This Is My Father's World (page #21)

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and 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 my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
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:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

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.

Pass It On (page #557)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
and soon all those around can warm up in its
glowing; that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees
are budding, the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on. *(continued in next column)*

Pass It On (continued)

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've
found – on God you can depend, it matters not
where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want the world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

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.

Be Not Afraid (page #430)

You shall cross the barren desert
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign
lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
And I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in
the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of
hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *[Refrain]*

Blessed are your poor, for the
kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult
and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! *[Refrain]*