



St. John's United Church of Christ
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

Sunday, September 25, 2022

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

Words of Welcome: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
~ Matthew 11:28

Thought to Ponder: "Happiness depends not on your number of free hours, but on how you spend whatever time you have."

Organ Prelude: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. McDonald

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship⁺:

L: Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

P: **He is the one, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.**

L: He is the one, who keeps every promise forever;

P: **Who gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.**

L: The Lord frees the prisoners. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

P: **The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent beneath their loads. The Lord loves the righteous.**

L: The Lord protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

P: **Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

*Opening Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #721

Prayer of the Day:

Holy and Gracious God, we come again this day to seek you. We come to hear your Word, to feel your presence, to be reminded of your love. We come to be empowered for our mission, to have our eyes opened to all around who need the works of care we can give. We come because you have called us. We come because you have loved us. So be present now. Move in this space and make yourself known. For we come, now and always, seeking you. And we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Response: "Glory Be to the Father" #734

Mission Moment: Boy Scouts of America: Troop #634

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 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Anthem: Ancient Words” Performed by the Chancel Choir

Special Music: “I’d Do It All Again” Performed by Tim Shackelford

Message: “Truly Seeing”

Hymn: “Be Thou my Vision” #502

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “Sheep May Safely Graze” — J.S. Bach

Doxology: #34

Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” #30

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” arr. Hughes

+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 / BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR:

September 4	Donna Weber	YES Home
September 11	John Kuhlman	Centerstone Uspiritus (Brooklawn)
September 18	Jane Link	So Loved Closet
September 25	Linda Kanning	Boy Scouts of America: Troop #634



St. John’s Prayer List – September, 2022

Those Bereaved (*these names remain on for one year*): Elton Linville; Melvin Krieger; Lee Kuhlman (John Kuhlman’s father); Bea Wessel; Owenita Grubert; Glen Kelley; Carl Hazelwood; Ron Raver; Kimberly Vest; Ruth Thie.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray: Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Kent Meyers (son of Taaron & Roger); Chyntia Buczak (cancer, friend to Dan Hall); Bob Wilhelm; John Thie (brother to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Danny McDonough (health issues, father to Sarah Feldmann); Marian Koester; Carolyn Carson (breast cancer, grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Loretta Jones (health issues, cousin to Dale Koester); Robert Weiler Jr. (colon cancer); John & Connie Moody (health issues); Dawn Buettner; Donna (Selke) Maples (classmate of Jenell Schroeder and a former member who now lives in Texas. Donna is having health issues); The family of Judy Schebler (sister-in-law to Randy & Becky Schebler); Lori Mauer (Thyroid Cancer); Vy (Thie) Hetzendorfer (breast cancer); The family of Ruth Thie; Chris English (cancer, niece to Joe & Barb Foster); Kelsey Weber (health issues, daughter-in-law to Gary & Donna Weber).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

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

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

St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Willis Rouse

Chateau of Batesville: Margaret Meyers

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

- Sep 25: Chancel Choir Singing
- Sep 28: Quiltmakers @ 9:30am
Confirmation Class Year 1 @ 6pm / Year 2 @ 7pm
- Sep 29: Griefshare 6-7:30pm
- Sep 30 & Oct 1: Xanadu Jr. Musical @ Batesville High School Auditorium @ 7pm
- Oct 2: Men's Choir Singing
World Communion Sunday
Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday: Honoring Past and Present SS Teachers
Crop Walk @ Liberty Park @ 1pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct 3: Sunday School Board Meeting @ 6pm
- Oct 5: Confirmation Class Year 1 @ 6pm / Year 2 @ 7pm
Chancel Choir Practice @ 7pm
- Oct 6: Rummage Sale 8am-5pm
Griefshare 6-7:30pm
- Oct 7: Rummage Sale 8am-3pm
- Oct 8: Rummage Sale 8am-12noon

Announcements



FINAL DAY of Crops for CROP: Many of us have extra garden produce we can't use. If that is you, would you share it with those who are unable to have a garden? If so, please bring your items in with you on Sunday mornings to share. If you'd enjoy fresh produce, take what you'd like. We'll have a container there to give a donation to CROP/Church World Service. This will go from August 28th – September 25th. ~ Thank you!



HARVEST HOME will be celebrated **TODAY**, Sunday, September 25th. We will give thanks for the blessings of all the vegetables and fruit grown and gathered and pray for our farmers that they have a bountiful harvest of their crops. Please look around and appreciate the produce, fruit, mums, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, etc. that is being used to decorate the sanctuary. These are from our member's crops that have been harvested for us to celebrate. **NOTE:** We will only be using these things for Harvest Home Sunday, so you can take your contributions home with you after service. Thank you very much for bringing in your home grown items!
~ Sheryl Voss, Cindy Feller, and Cindy Wilhelm



ANNUAL SCHOOL HOUSE RUMMAGE SALE:

October 6th, 7th & 8th. The event takes a lot of hours to prepare for and we need your help on Thursday evenings putting items out beginning September 1. We usually work from 6-8pm, or anytime within those hours that you can help. All hands are welcome. To those donating items please have everything clean and in good repair. I cannot stress this enough as our goal has always been to have a clean and organized sale. No one wants to purchase anything that has just been pulled out of a shed without it being cleaned up.

Our final days to accept items will be October 1 from 9-11am and October 2 from 10:15-11am.

Sunday October 2 is the cut-off date for accepting donations.

You can reach either of us with any questions that you may have:

Jenell Schroeder: 812-663-7422 or 812-593-0371

Jeanie Carter: 812-934-3562

~ Thank you for your help and donations!



World Communion Sunday

October 2 is World Communion Sunday and this year we would like to try something special. We are inviting the congregation to bring in bread to decorate the altar. It can be homemade bread, your favorite bread from your favorite bakery, or even a special dessert bread. These breads will decorate our service as we celebrate Communion with Christians around the world. THEN, you are all invited to go downstairs for a light fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall eating some of this delicious bread. Thanks in advance for bringing us your bread for the breaking.



SCRIPTURES



1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.



Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said,] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”



Hymns

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Glory Be to the Father

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.

Doxology

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 Thou my Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

"*True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. *[Refrain]*

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky; *[Refrain]*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, ev'ry one. *[Refrain]*

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *[Refrain]*