



***St. John's United Church of Christ  
Welcome Back to In-person Worship  
Also on Facebook  
First Sunday after Pentecost  
May 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

St. John's United Church of Christ  
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - TRINITY SUNDAY

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. May 30, 2021

*(Let us be silent and prayerful as we prepare ourselves for worship.)*

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**MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Remembering that God calls us through Christ to be ministers with each other, St. John's United Church of Christ, as inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, seeks: To be inclusive and accessible to all people; To provide loving service to all of God's people through mission and ministry; To strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

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*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

Call to Worship:

*We worship God, shaper of creation,*

**Who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty.**

*We follow Jesus, Love incarnate,*

**Who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty.**

*We trust in the Spirit, breathing life into us,*

**Who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty.**

*We believe in God our Creator, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,*

**Almighty God, in whom we have eternal love and life.**

Hymn #370 "What Gift Can We Bring?"

Prayer of Confession:

Triune God, we come to You not fully understanding the Mystery of Your nature but knowing that throughout human history You have been made known to us. Though we grow in new understandings, You are the same God who breathed life into us, who stirred over the waters of creation, who made the ever-expanding universe that we barely comprehend. We confess our short-sightedness, our misunderstandings, our selfish ways that hold us back from a deeper knowledge that is present before us. Guide us into Your ways of wisdom, so we might grow our hearts to love You and one another more deeply. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

Assurance:

*Though God is far beyond what we can comprehend or imagine, God knows us. God knows you. And God has chosen you to be part of this world and you have an important part to play. Without you, it cannot be done. You are needed and very much loved. Turn to God's ways and seek God's wisdom and insight in your daily life, through prayer, reading of Scripture, spending time in nature, or however else you connect with the Divine. Go and share the good news of God's love, wonder, and awe.*

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of Christ is with you!

**And also with you!**

*You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.*

Words for All - Especially Children

Scripture:           **Isaiah 6:1-8**

Special Music        ***“Right Here Within Your Heart” - Hayes***

Message             ***“God Sized”***

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (sinned and sinned against us) **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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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 our Joys and Celebrations

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: **As we offer our treasure and hearts to You, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

Hymn (see insert) ***“How Beautiful, for Spacious Skies”***

Benediction

Postlude

**For your information, the worship services are being recorded and live streamed on social media. If you would prefer NOT to be on camera, please let one of the greeters know, and we can find a seat for you that is not on camera.**

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning**

(please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates)

**Ongoing Needs-** Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Christine Sartwell, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Leanne Trout (Dee Ledgerwood’s Mother), Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

**Shut-In/Homebound-** Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Bill & Lola Fuller, Jane Hayes, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Ethel Moser, Loretta Roberson, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

**Immediate Concerns** -Oliver Auman, Scott Bower, Joyce, Maryjane H., Carol Hahn, Peg Swinehart.

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, May 31		<b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, June 1		
Wednesday, June 2	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CALLED TO CARE TRAINING (PAR)</b>
Thursday June 3	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BUILDINGS/GROUNDS</b>
Friday, June 4		
Saturday June 5		
Sunday, June 6	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP-COMMUNION</b>

## THE OUTWARD SIGNS

May 16, 2021

Current Expenses - \$7,396.00; Devitt House - \$20.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$550.00;  
Loose Offering - \$5.00; OCWM - \$845.00; OGHS - \$30.00; Weis Gift Cards - \$100.00;

**GRAND TOTAL - \$8,946.00.00 THANK YOU!**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - Have been given by Todd Hummel, in memory of family, friends and congregants who have passed on.

**DEVITT HOUSE** - The communion offering for June is slated for **Disaster Relief Fund for Local Emergencies/Council of Churches**. We will also hold a "*special offering*" which is dedicated to **Strengthen the Church**.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - There are MANY dates available on the Chancel Flower Chart. Please consider stopping by the chart and sign up to sponsor a single vase (\$21.00) or both vases (\$42.00).

**CLEAN-UP KITS** - Church World Services is in need of clean-up kits for disaster relief. We are accepting monetary donations for Church World Services to complete the kits needed. The cost of one Clean-up Kit is \$75.00. ANY donations will be greatly appreciated.

**OUTDOOR MINISTRIES** - Hartman Center Spirit Week, **When:** Saturday, August 8 - Saturday, August 14 **Where:** Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

Also available, summer camp brochures for camps Kirchenwald & Nawakwa. Penn Central has partnered with the Lutheran Camping Corporation, with a variety of camping options available from mid-June, through August. Scholarship support is available through our congregation, and through Penn Central Conference. Questions? Please talk with Pastor Alice.