

I
BELIEVE
therefore
I
SPEAK.

2 Corinthians 4:13

***St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to In-person Worship
Also on Facebook
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

June 6, 2021

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

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.

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

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Moment for Meditation

*Call to Worship: (adapted from 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1)

We do not lose heart,

We are being renewed day by day.

We look at what cannot be seen,

For what cannot be seen is eternal.

We know we are from God,

In whom we have eternal life.

Come, follow Jesus, who leads us into life.

Worship God and trust the Holy Spirit, among us now.

*Hymn #28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession: **Sovereign God, we confess that we have placed other powers ahead of You. We have turned to the power of wealth over Your generosity and abundance. We have given in to the power of fear. We have placed human authority above Your commandment to love one another. Forgive us for turning to the kings and rulers of this world that we have made, and not to the ultimate authority of love found in Your commandments from Jesus Christ, who lived and died for us. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and call us into Your ways of love, mercy, and peace. Amen.**

Assurance: *God's steadfast love endures forever. God's mercy is far beyond what we can imagine. While we have wandered astray, God remains true, and when we turn back, God is waiting for us with open arms. You are forgiven. Trust in God's commandments to love one another, and know that grace and mercy are with you, always. Amen.*

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: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Anthem ***“Sanctuary”*** - Thompson/Scruggs - arr. Larson

Message ***“Building Projects”***

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

Dedicating the Gift of Water ***Video from World Vision***

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of Your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole church so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

Order for Holy Communion:

Will you open yourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ that is always and already available here at this table? If so, say, “Open us to your grace, Lord.”

Open us to your grace, Lord.”

Will you open yourselves once again to the call of Jesus Christ?

If so, say, “Open us to your call, Lord.”

“Open us to your call, Lord.”

Will you open yourselves to the possibility of transformation through Jesus Christ?

If so, say, “Transform us, O Lord.”

“Transform us, O Lord.”

As we prepare to attend the heavenly feast, we especially pray for those who have no earthly tables, or no place at a table, and so little daily bread.

The Great Thanksgiving

Jesus is with us!

With us now and forever!

So, lift up your hearts and voices!

We lift them up to God!

Let us join in thanks and praise!

How right it is to do this together!

Holy Living One, You transformed a whole lot of nothing into this amazing creation.

You breathed life ... hymn of praise, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy!

God of power and might,

everywhere we see your glory!

Blessed the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna! Alleluia! Amen!

Indeed, you are holy! ...

Whenever you gather around the table together, remember me.”

And so, my friends, we remember. And we believe:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Spirit upon us now!

*... . All glory to you, Living Presence, Holy One, Holy God,
through Jesus our Christ and the Holy Spirit our Advocate. Amen.*

Invitation to Communion and Sharing the Elements

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving (Together): We give thanks to You, God, for this holy meal. Simple and powerful. Refreshing and recreating. May we hear Your call, and truly love one another as You have loved us. Strengthen Your claim on us: one body, many members, the Body of Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn #611

“O Day of God, Draw Near”

*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.

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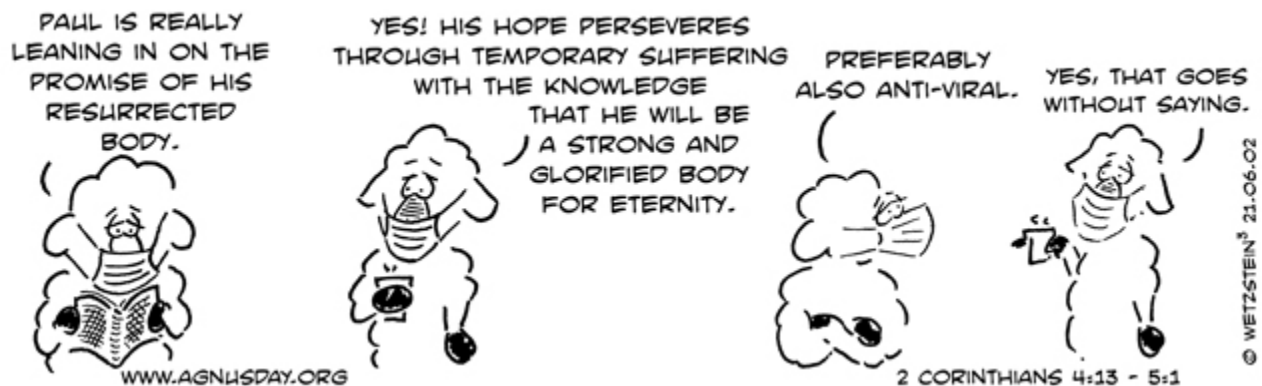
In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

(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.



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THIS WEEK

Monday, June 7	6:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leaders (PAV) HOSPITALITY COMM. (FH)
Tuesday, June 8	7 - 930 p.m.	Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, June 9	6:00 p.m.	BELL CHOIR (SANCT.)
Thursday June 10	9 - 1030 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7 - 915 p.m.	TOPS (CR) Women Educators (Pav) MISSION/SOCIAL ACTION (PAR) H.O.P. Chorus (CH.RM.)
Friday, June 11		
Saturday June 12	9 am - 2 pm	PCCUCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (ZOOM in SANCT.)
Sunday, June 13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHARSAL (CH.RM) WORSHIP- O & A CELEBRATION (ZOOM) FELLOWSHIP HOUR

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

May 30, 2021

Building Use - \$100.00; Chancel Flowers - \$84.00; Clean-up Kits - \$270.00;
Current Expenses - \$1,031.00; Devitt House - \$20.00; Envelope Expense - \$1.00;
Improvements/Maintenance - \$15.00; OCWM - \$135.00; Weis Gift Cards - \$125.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$1,781.00 THANK YOU!

CHANCEL FLOWERS - Have been given by Kay & Gary Nottis, in celebration of Colleen's birthday!

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).

SAVE THE DATE - Join us in celebration of our commitment to be an Open & Affirming congregation, on Sunday, June 13, 2021 during our worship service at 10:00 a.m.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP - Please login and join us for another ZOOM Fellowship hour, on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

ZOOM WIRED WORD - The monthly Wired Word Study group will hold its next ZOOM meeting on Thursday, June 22th, at 7:00 p.m. Please let Linda Williams know if there is a specific topic you'd like to discuss during this meeting. 570-524-4039.

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.