

St. John's United Church of Christ  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, Interim Minister

The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 10, 2018

*(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!*

Prelude

\*Passing of Peace

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

A Time for Centering

\*Call to Worship

*One: God is with us!*

**All: God is here!**

*One: For that, we are grateful!*

**All: We praise you, God!**

*One: You have loved us faithfully!*

**All: You are steadfast, Holy One!**

*One: You are with us, in the midst of trouble!*

**All: You are with us, in every joy!**

*One: Come, let us worship this God!*

\*Hymn #6 "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"

\*Prayer of Confession (together) - God, we want to say we're sorry, for things we've done and wished we hadn't, and things we did not do, but wish we had. We're sorry we don't see You in all the ways that You are here; we look to images and idols we can touch and hang on to, and it's never quite the same. We're sorry we replace you with powerful rulers or heroes promising quick rewards that do not satisfy the way Your holy blessings deeply do. We're sorry we don't listen to Your voice, Your prophets, Your promises, and cautions. We should know better, but we still think that we know better than You. Forgive our foolishness. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance -

*One: Friends, God listens and God hears. God's blessings are always coming our way. We are seen, we are held, we are loved.*

**Many: We are forgiven! Amen!**

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14

Luke 13:22-27

Lay Reader: Anna Brouse

Anthem: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" - Nix

Children's Chat

Hymn: #16 "Let Us with a Joyful Mind"

Sermon: "Taking the Adventure Road"

Time for Reflection

\*Affirmation of Faith (together) - **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called by the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Pastoral Prayer

\*Let us continue to pray in the words that Jesus taught 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.

Offering and Offertory

\*The Offertory Response #785

**We give You but Your own, whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (together): **Your love is steadfast, and You are ever faithful. May these gifts we offer from the gifts we have received shine light in unseen places, bring hope to the rejected, and ease some suffering in our world. Amen.**

\*Hymn #21 *"God Reigns o'er All the Earth"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction - #460 *"God Will Take Care of You"*

Be not dismayed what-e're betide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath God's wings of love abide, God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;  
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

\*Postlude

**THIS MORNING**

**St. John's is pleased you have joined with us today.** We hope that you have found this time to be a blessing. **Please sign** the attendance board (and kindly include your mailing address/telephone number and/or email), and introduce yourself to the persons who are worshipping around you. If you are looking for a new church family and are interested in knowing more about St. John's, please indicate that following worship to the Pastor or one of the ushers.

**Available to you**, if needed, is a Quiet Room for adults and children, where the service can be seen and heard. Also available are phonic-ear hearing units, large print bulletins, and large-print Bibles. Ask any usher.

**Chancel Flowers** - Are given in honor of Colleen Ross' birthday, and are given by Kay & Gary Nottis.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning** (please contact the church office, at 524-7606, with any updates):

**At Home-** Sid Bowersox, Ruth Brouse, Betty Hackenberg, Alice Savidge (after a fall), Mary Stover, Merdyth Updegraff.

**Shut-In/Homebound-** Ann Beasom, Fred Brouse, Leona Fertig, Pearl Fisher, Bill & Lola Fuller, Gary Hackenberg (Rolling Hills Manor, rm #7), Louise Heistand, Lois Hummel, Evelyn Mabus, Ethel Moser, Robert Ritter, Shirley Seese, Alda Wagner.

**In our Prayers -** Christine Sartwell, Larissa Young.

**THANKS** - To all who helped make the yard sale a great success!

**THANKS** - To Pastor Gary Nottis for so able filling in for Pastor Bob during his recent weeks of vacation.

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, June 11		
Tuesday, June 12	7:30 p.m.	Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, June 13		
Thursday June 14	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	TOPS 1158 (CR.) H.O.P. Heart of Pa Women's Chorus (SANCT) TOPS (CR)
Friday, June 15		
Saturday June 16	11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WILLIAM RICHARD MEMORIAL SERVICE FELLOWSHIP HALL RSVD. BY MEMBER
Sunday, June 17	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP

**HELP THE LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM** - As noted in this month's Eagle, the Mission Committee is looking for some helping hands to assemble lunch bags for the Summer Youth Lunch Program. Please join them in the church kitchen on the mornings of **Monday June 11th and Wednesday June 13th from 9:30 to 11:30**. They will also be needing help in the delivery of the lunches at noon on **Tuesday June 12th and Thursday June 14th**. Thanks in a advance from your Mission Committee.

## FUTURE

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR SIGN-UP SHEET** - has been placed in the Narthex. Please consider sponsoring a month! Still open for sponsorship are the months of November and December.

**AND NOW IT'S DAD'S TURN!** - We did our best for Mom over Mother's Day, and now, in a matter of weeks, it's dear old Dad who gets all the attention. Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, is Father's Day, and we of St. John's will observe the occasion by giving to all fathers (and all men) at worship that morning a small potted plant. So, do something nice for Dad! Bring him to church with you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

**HELP NEEDED** - The Eastern Union County Supplemental Food Program is looking for teens and adults to volunteer to carry groceries at the Food Pantry distributions on the first and third Fridays of each month from 1:15-3:30, or any portion of that time that you are available. We are located in the basement of the First Baptist Church at 51 South 3rd Street in Lewisburg. If you can carry groceries up a flight of steps, please just show up to help on May 18, June 1 and 15, July 6 and 20, and August 3 and 17. Questions?? Call Cindy 570-523-6898.

**Need a ride to church services or events at St. John's UCC?** Arrangements will be made for we want everyone to be able to attend and participate in events held at the church. **Contact Ron Zug at 523-3987.**

### **THE OUTWARD SIGNS** **Attendance - June 3, 2018 - 56**

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### **St. John's United Church of Christ**

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Office: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
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***It is a privilege to serve you today . . .***

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, *Interim Pastor*  
Rev. James E. Johnson, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Todd R. Hummel, *Dir. of Music/Organist*  
Rita Griffith, *Choral & Bell Choir Director*

Linda Sartwell/Sue Baish, *Sound Technician*  
Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*  
Dot & Art Bower, *Greeters*  
Angie Donlin, *Children's Church*  
James Donlin, *Acolyte*  
Barry Catherman, *Video Technician*