

St. John's United Church of Christ  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – FATHER'S DAY

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, Interim Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 18, 2017

(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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Prelude

\*Passing of Peace

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

Time for Centering

\*Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God, who has done great things!

**Many We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world!**

One: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland!

**Many: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship God, and we rejoice!**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

**All: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

– from *The Worship Sourcebook*

\*Hymn: #407 "How Firm a Foundation"

\*Prayer of Confession (together) Most holy God, we admit to You and each other that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age, that we find it hard to recognize who we are, where we came from, or where we are going. We easily become caught up in selfishness, seduced by cynicism, waylaid by glittering consumerism, and led by the nose along the highways and byways created by powerful, vested interests. Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly, and seek You more diligently.

\*Assurance of Pardon: *In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way? In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need— God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.*

Special Music -Rita Griffith

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:8-21* (page 515 in pew bible)

*Mark 1:14-15* (page 707 in pew bible) Lay-Reader: Colleen Ross

Children's Chat (*The children are invited to attend Children's Church, immediately following the chat*)

Hymn - #354 "God, When I Came into This Life"

Sermon: "A Line Has Been Drawn"

Time of Reflection

\*Affirmation of Faith (together) - **We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We pledge to make it active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.** *Barbara Hedges-Goettl.*

\*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) God of all, we see where the world is harassed and helpless, and we are moved to show care and compassion. We notice when those around us maneuver about like sheep without a shepherd and are tossed about like flotsam on the tide. So we choose to be workers in Your harvest, to step out in faith and stand up for what is just. Accept us and our gifts, as we choose to be bearers of Your liberating good news of liberty and love.

\*Hymn: #386 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**Go In Love**

Go in Love; Have no fear. God will guide you, He is Always near.  
Go in love; take God's hand. God will hear you, He will understand.  
May God's light forever shine upon you; may His peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, He will show the way.  
Go in love and live your faith. Amen

\*Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand.

**THE OUTWARD SIGNS**  
Attendance – June 11, 2017 – 54

**SAVE THE DATE** - Please mark the date on your calendar to help celebrate the Ordination of Marian Anderson, one of our own! Marian will be ordained as a Pastor of the United Church of Christ, Central Association, on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., here, at St. John's. There will be a time of fellowship immediately following the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

**Changing Lives: That's Our Church's Wider Mission** - Never place a period where God has placed a comma, Because we believe in transformation, we believe the church's mission is changing lives - individually, systemically and globally... We support, encourage and uplift local churches where lives are being changed through worship, education, fellowship, mission, and justice advocacy. We identify, recruit, educate and support leaders who inspire others. We support churches and plant new churches as vital places of worship, learning, and justice advocacy. We change lives through our global partnerships, missionaries and advocacy. **Gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission benefit the full range of the United Church of Christ mission across the country and around the globe. Find more information at [www.ucc.org/ocwm/basic-support.html](http://www.ucc.org/ocwm/basic-support.html)**

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

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**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Given by Peg Brouse,  
In loving memory of Mary & Clayton Brouse.

Monday, June 19	5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice (EAST LAWN)
Tuesday June 20	5:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Soccer Practice (EAST LAWN) St. John's Quilters (CR) Men's Westbranch Chorus (SANCT.)
Wednesday, June 21	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers Soccer Practice (EAST LAWN)
Thursday June 22	09:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	TOPS 1158 (CR.) Soccer Practice (EAST LAWN) H.O.P. (Heart of Pa, Women's Chorus (CH.RM) TOPS (CR)
Friday, June 23	5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice (EAST LAWN)
Saturday, June 24		
Sunday, June 25	10:00 a.m.	FATHER'S DAY, WORSHIP

*It is a privilege to serve you . . .*

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*  
, *Nursery*

Linda Sartwell/Sue Baish, *Sound Technician*  
Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*  
Tess & Fred Groover, *Greeters*  
Don Adams, *Children's church*  
, *Acolyte*  
Barry Catherman, *Video Technician*

**St. John's is pleased you have joined with us today.** We hope that you have found this time both a blessing and a renewal. **Please sign** the attendance board (and include your complete mailing address/telephone number and/or email) as it is passed down the pew, and introduce yourself to the person receiving the attendance board. If you are looking for a new church family of faith and would like to consider St. John's, please speak with the pastor or the ushers following worship.

**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.**

## Opportunities and Concerns - June 18, 2017

Today, June 18, 2017 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10:00 a.m. FATHER'S DAY, WORSHIP

Next Sunday, June 25, 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

*Prayer List - (Please contact the church office, at 524-7606, with any updates!)*

*Hospitalized- Wilma Miller (rm. 1 Watsontown Rehab Center)*

*Recently Discharged from the Hospital -*

*At Home- Sid Bowersox, Ruth Brouse, Carol Erdley, Charlotte Hufnagle, Donna Pauling, June Seaman, Mary Stover, Craig Swineford.*

*Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Carrie Brouse, Fred Brouse, Marilyn Correll, Leona Fertig, Pearl Fisher, Bill & Lola Fuller, Louise Heistand, Lois Hummel, Evelyn Mabus, Ethel Moser, Dotey Noyce, Robert Ritter, Shirley Seese, Alda Wagner.*

*In our Prayers -Marlin Rautzhan, Christine Sartwell, Sheila Seaman.*

### Prayer for Healing

O God You are the only source of health and healing, the spirit of calm and the central peace of this universe. Grant to me such a consciousness of Your indwelling and surrounding presence that I may permit You to give me health and strength and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THANKS - Many thanks to all whose efforts contributed to the success of last Wednesday's Yard Sale. Special thanks to Linda Sartwell, Carol Berry, Dianna Spickler, Vic Snyder, Brenda & Don Adams, Ron & Jan Zug, Carol Erdley, Sue Baish, Anna Brouse, Marian Anderson, and all others not specifically mentioned, for coordinating/staffing this annual project on St. John's part this year. We raised \$1,333.23!*

*TODAY IS FATHER'S DAY! - A very happy Father's Day to all the Dads in the congregation this morning. We celebrate the occasion by giving to all fathers (and all boys) at worship a small potted plant. May the day be a very special one for you!*

THANKS - Thanks to all who shared in last Sunday's potluck lunch and Congregational Forum. Extra copies available of the materials that were handed out at that meeting. If you are interested in having one, please see Pastor Stoudt.

MISSION MINUTE SOMALIA - Abdullah is 10 years old and from Somalia. Back in 2011, Abdullah, his mother, and young brother fled Somalia because of the conflict there, and have been living in Indonesia ever since. "In 2013, my dream finally came true," said Abdullah. "Maria Angelia informed my mother that my enrollment in the primary school near our house had been successful." Maria is a Church World Service staff person working with refugees in Indonesia. Abdullah enjoys getting ready for his school day. He appreciates the opportunity to attend school, just like other children his age around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) supports reading. Your gifts to the offering provide books, schools supplies and teachers in communities where children like Abdullah, need opportunities to attend school.

MISSION MINUTE HONDURAS - Melicio is a Farmer in Nueva Frontera, a municipality in the Honduran department of Santa Bárbara. Hunger and sustainable agriculture are being addressed in Melicio's community. Farmers, both young and old are helping one another learn new and lasting ways to farm and to yield the best harvest. One lesson includes learning how to compost. Melicio and others are embracing composting. Together, they are reaping the benefits of better crops and better care for their land. Together, they are hoping to put more food on the table for their families, and increase their ability to sell produce at market. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps farmers by addressing food security issues through practices such as composting. Together, we are increasing the world's access to good and healthy food.