



***St. John's United Church of Christ  
Welcome Back to In-person Worship  
Also on Facebook  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day  
June 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

St. John's United Church of Christ  
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FATHER'S DAY

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor  
The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 20, 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!*

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Moment for Meditation

\*Call to Worship:

Gather us together, O God,

**Bind us together in Your love.**

No matter where we are, online or here,

**We are Your body, O Christ.**

The same Spirit that stirred the water of creation,

**Stirs in our hearts and calls us to justice.**

Guide us, O Holy One, in this time of worship:

**Remind us that we are one in Christ Jesus.**

\*Hymn #419

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Prayer of Brokenness: God of Creation, we confess that we fret and worry about little things that we will soon forget, but still, they consume our thoughts. We confess that we are disappointed when things do not go our way, unable to see that a better opportunity may come before us at another time. We become stuck and dejected, angry and hurt, when we are passed over for a promotion or recognition, when others do not observe the hard work, we believe we have done. Forgive us, O God, for holding on to hurt feelings at times instead of participating in the greater work at hand. Grant us the wisdom to discern when injustice occurs, or when it is simply a mistake or different point of view, and help us instead to pause, reflect, and seek Your guidance, through the wisdom of those we trust. For it is in Your Wisdom we pray. Amen.

Blessing/Assurance: *God has searched us, knows us, and discerns our thoughts from far away. There is no place we can go, nowhere we can hide, where God is not with us. God restores our soul. God forgives you, for you are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God, and God loves you madly. Go and share the good news: no matter what the world has said to you, you are God's beloved child, very much needed in this world. 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: I Samuel 17:32-49

Anthem "How Can I Keep from Singing?" - Lowry/Shaw

Message "Bumps in the Road"

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: **Bighearted God, we ask You to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.**

\*Hymn #429 "God Bless Our Homes"

\*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 tell one of the greeters/ushers know, and will 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, Marv Border, Scott Bower, Joyce, Maryjane H., Carol Hahn, Peg Swinehart.

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, June 21	10:00 am 7:00 pm	WEBSITE DESIGN TEAM FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)
Tuesday, June 22		
Wednesday, June 23		
Thursday June 24	7:00 pm	WIRED WORD STUDY GROUP (ZOOM)
Friday, June 25		
Saturday June 26		
Sunday, June 27	9:00 am 10:00 a.m. 1:00 pm	BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.) WORSHIP Piecemakers Quilters (FH)

PLEASE BE ADVISED, THE CHURCH BUILDING AND GROUNDS WILL BE CLOSED THIS COMING WEEK OF JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, DUE TO THE SEALING OF THE PARKING LOT. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY PASTORAL NEEDS. 570-523-0162

### THE OUTWARD SIGNS

June 13, 2021

2021 Annual Conf. Meeting - \$25.00; Current Expenses - \$3,463.00;  
Improvements & Maintenance - \$300.00; Local Disaster Relief Fund - \$17.00;  
Loose Offering - \$30.00; OCWM - \$305.00; Pavilion Use - \$60.00; Strengthen the Church - \$100.00;

**GRAND TOTAL - \$4,300.00 THANK YOU!**

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CLOSED NEXT WEEK** - The building and grounds will be off-limits for all Church and Outside group use during the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>. The parking lot will be resurfaced during this time. Thanks for your understanding. Call the Church office for any Pastoral needs, 570-523-0162.

**PASTOR ALICE AWAY** - Pastor Alice will be away from June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any Pastoral needs, please call the Church Office (570) 523-0162.

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER** - We need musicians interested in sharing their talents with us during worship this Summer. If you, or anyone you know who might be interested, please let Todd know. 570-523-0162

**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** - On **Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.**, we will be holding worship outdoors in the pavilion, followed by a "Neighborhood & Friends" Picnic, at 11:30 - 1:30. Invite your friends and neighbors for lots of food and fun! More details coming. (food/beverages provided)

**OUTDOOR MINISTRIES - DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!** 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.