



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to In-person Worship
Also on Facebook
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor / Rev. Sally Dries, Guest Pastor
The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 27, 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: (from Hebrews 12:1-2)
We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
Who inspired us by faith to resist sin and evil.
May we journey together the path before us,
Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and protector of our faith.
For Christ endured the cross for us,
And is seated at the right hand of God.
Come, worship the God known to our ancestors,
Whose love is known to us now and always.

*Hymn #459 *"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"*

Prayer of Brokenness: **Almighty God, we confess that our ways are not Your ways, our thoughts are not Your thoughts. We confess that our own lens clouds our view of the world, of others, and of Scripture. Our lens of privilege may keep us from understanding the hardships of others, whether that privilege is race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic privilege, ability, age, or otherwise. Call us into accountability, to do the hard work of removing the lenses that allow us to know only what we want to know, to remove the lens that allows us make judgments based on limited perception. Restore our vision to Your ways, O God, that views one another through love, mercy, and justice. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing/Assurance: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God." God's mercies are renewed every morning, and God's love is steadfast, never ceasing, enduring forever. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Go and share God's love and mercy with the world that desperately needs it. 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 Samuel 1:1,17-27; Mark 5:21-43

Anthem: *The Exaltation Ringers*

Message *"Heal the Broken"*

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: 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 a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole church in Your world so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

*Hymn #565 *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

*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, Merdyth Updegraff.

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 28		
Tuesday, June 29	7pm - 9:30pm	Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, June 30	10:00 am	BVS Music Selection (CH.RM.)
Thursday July 1	9:30 am - 10:30 am 7:00 pm 7 pm - 9:15 pm	TOPS (CR) BUILDINGS/GROUNDS H.O.P. Women's Chorus (CH.RM)
Friday, July 2	6:00 pm	Pav. Rsvd by Member
Saturday July 3		
Sunday, July 4	10:00 am 11:00 am	OUTDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION (PAV) PICNIC (PAVILION)

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

June 20, 2021

Current Expenses - \$1,390.00; Disaster Relief Fund - \$36.00; Food Pantry - \$20.00;
Giant Gift Cards - \$450.00; Loose Offering - \$5.00; OCWM - \$375.00;
Strengthen the Church - \$25.00; Weis Gift Cards - \$650.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$2,951.00 THANK YOU!

CHANCEL FLOWERS - Are given by Dot and Art Bower, in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP/PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY - On **Sunday, July 4th, at 11:30 a.m.**, we will be holding worship in the Pavilion at 10:00 am, and then a "Neighborhood & Friends" Picnic, at 11:30 - 1:30. Invite your friends and neighbors for lots of food and fun! (food/beverages provided)

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).

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.