



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to In-person Worship
Also on Facebook***

***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Worship, July 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

July 4, 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

Call to Worship:

*The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,
even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?*

We will listen and we will hear!

*Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,
preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?*

We will listen and we will hear!

*Christ sent out disciples two by two,
to spread the good news in any place
that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?*

We will listen and we will hear!

*God's prophets are among us still,
around the world and in these chairs and cars. Who will hear their message?*

We will listen and we will hear!

Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" James Donlin, Trumpet

(James will play one verse alone, then please sing the second time through)

Prayer of Brokenness - Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love You most of all.

We have failed to fully be Your church in this time and place. We have sinned against You and each another by things we have done and things we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see the Christ in others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to walk in the light of Your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Despite our brokenness, Christ showed his love for us that we might have life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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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: *Mark 6:1-13*

Message ***“Road Trips”***

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: **Outspoken Prophet, hear the message we are speaking through these our gifts and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love to those whose voices have been silenced. May they strengthen our congregation so that we may continue to listen to those in need.**

Order for Holy Communion - *Christ invites “all” to the table of reconciliation - those who affirm their intrinsic worth, and those who are yet to do so...those whose hearts and minds are admirable, and those still struggling to make them so...those who are most like us, and those who are least like us. In the spirit of Christ, we at St John's welcome you to share your spiritual journey with us as we share ours with you in a sacrament designed to bridge all differences in a spirit of extravagant welcome, of heartfelt openness, and of mutual loving-kindness. In coming together, let us recognize our responsibility in living in love and peace with one another and all creation so as to be joined together as one Holy Communion of Body and Spirit throughout this good earth.*

Prayer: *Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. ... coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life.*

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, ,, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (Together): **We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn ***“This is my Song, O God of All the Nations”*** #591

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, July 5	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, July 6	7pm - 9:30pm	Men’s Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, July 7		
Thursday July 8	9:30 am - 10:30 am 4 pm - 6:30 pm 7 pm - 9:15 pm	TOPS (CR) Central Assoc. Ministerium (PAR/FH) H.O.P. Women’s Chorus (CH.RM)
Friday, July 9		
Saturday July 10		
Sunday, July 11	10:00 am	WORSHIP

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

June 27, 2021

Building Use - \$25.00; Current Expenses - \$1,076.00; Disaster Relief Fund - \$10.00;
Giant Gift Cards - \$300.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$15.00;
Loose Offering - \$10.00; OCWM - \$80.00; Strengthen the Church - \$30.00;
Weis Gift Cards - \$300.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$1,846.00 THANK YOU!

CHANCEL FLOWERS - Are given by Beth Moser in honor of all who served our Country, to provide our freedom!

PICNIC TODAY - On **Sunday, July 4th, at 11:30 a.m.**, we will be holding 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.