

*David and all the house of Israel
were dancing before the LORD ...*



*with songs and lyres and
and harps and tambourines ...*

2 Samuel 6:5, NRSV

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship, July 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. July 11, 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 of Meditation

Call to Worship:

Blessed be our God,

Who created us in God's image.

Blessed be our God,

Who called us to follow Jesus Christ.

Blessed be our God,

Who sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Blessed be our God,

In whom we live, move, and have our being.

Blessed be our God as we gather in worship.

Hymn #588

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

Prayer of Brokenness

Almighty God, we confess that we have succumbed to the ways of the world. We fret about what we don't have. We worry there isn't enough. We are consumed by the doubts of the world that we are not good enough, that we don't have enough wealth and security by the world's standards. Forgive us, Almighty God, for You called us to be Your children. In You we have an abundant inheritance. In You we know that we are called to be a community that provides and cares for each other. In You, the standards we ought to live up to are kindness, compassion, justice and mercy. Help us to cast off the cares of the world and live deeply into Your ways as Your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is abundant love to be found in God through Jesus Christ. Seek Christ in all you do, and know how much God loves you. There is abundant forgiveness in Christ's name for all our sins, all the ways we have missed the mark. There is abundant grace for us all. Live into God's ways, and know that you are loved and forgiven. Practice kindness and show compassion, seek justice and mercy, and you will know God now and for all time. 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 6:1-5, 12b-19*

Special Music *“Old Church Choir” - Williams / Hulse / Wedgeworth*

Message *“Joy Thief?”*

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 the “Washing the Feet” Bags

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings:

Beloved Jesus, you surprise us by naming us your friends. Your dance of faithfulness and life, open before us a way of unexpected justice, mutuality and joy. Take these gifts and bless them and let them serve your people at home and throughout the world, all of us, your cherished friends. Amen.

Hymn #471 *“What a Covenant”*

Benediction

Postlude

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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, Ingrid, 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, Charlie Dreese, Joyce, Maryjane H., Carol Hahn, Barbara Smith, Peg Swinehart, Merdyth Updegraff, Logan Williams.

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 12	8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Kinder Music (PAV) WEBSITE DESIGN TEAM (RR) WORSHIP/MUSIC (CR) BVS Board meeting (PAV or PAR) CHRISTIAN ED. COMM (CR)
Tuesday, July 13	7pm - 9:30pm	Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, July 14		
Thursday July 15	9:30 am - 10:30 am 7 pm - 9:15 pm	TOPS (CR) H.O.P. Women's Chorus (CH.RM)
Friday, July 16		
Saturday July 17		
Sunday, July 18	10:00 am	WORSHP - Rev. Kurt Nelson

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

July 4, 2021

Chancel Flowers - \$42.00; Current Expenses - \$3,231.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$250.00;
Heifer Project - \$551.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$155.00; LEAF Fund - \$10.00;
Loose Offering - \$40.00; OCWM - \$345.00; OGHS - \$100.00; Reitz Estate - \$11,229.24;
Strengthen the Church - \$100.00; Transitions - \$100.00; Vanguard Admiral - \$163.46;
Weis Gift Cards - \$250.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$16,566.70 THANK YOU!

CHANCEL FLOWERS - Are given by Janet & Michael Roberts, in honor of July birthdays for Wyatt, Brooke, and Matt.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER - We need musicians who would be 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.