

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

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

July 25, 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: (from Psalm 145)

The Lord is trustworthy and true,

Faithful in all of God's ways.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

And brings us up when we are brought low.

The Lord is just in all ways,

Faithful in all things.

The Lord is close to everyone who calls upon God;

God hears our cries and will save us.

Hymn #23

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayer of Brokenness - **Holy Spirit, Breather of Life, we confess that we have sought a different kind of life than the one You set out for us. We have desired to have the things we have made from this world. We have created possessions from the exploited resources of the earth. We have manufactured wealth off the labor of the oppressed and marginalized. We have pursued worldly means of satisfaction and security that separate us from the needs of others, believing in the myth of self-reliance and personal salvation. Forgive us. Call us into accountability with the greater community. Remind us of our responsibility to care for the one planet You made for us. Guide us into Your ways of repentance, reparation, and restoration to those we have wronged and exploited, even unknowingly. Lead us in Your ways of justice and righteousness, so we may truly know You, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness - *We are made in God's image, and that image is good. We are co-creators with God, and everything we create—art, music, poetry, beauty, and love—is good and necessary for the world. Make new things. Give space for new life to flourish. Bless and bless and know God's blessings. Love deeply and know God's love is with you. Be forgiven, seek restoration, and bless the world with your creativity. 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: *John 6:1-21*

Special Music - *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"* - Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes

Message *"Enough Already"*

Morning 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.**

Sharing our Joys and Celebrations

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings:

God of wonders, who enabled Jesus to feed the multitudes, bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts. May our offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all the people.

Hymn #476 *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

Benediction

Postlude

THIS MORNING

St. John's is pleased you have joined with us today. We hope that you have found this time to be a blessing. **Please sign** the attendance book located in the Narthex (and kindly include your mailing address/telephone number and/or email) and introduce yourself to the persons who are worshipping around you. If you are looking for a new church family and are interested in knowing more about St. John's, please indicate that following worship to the Pastor or one of the ushers.

Available to you, if needed, is a Quiet Room for adults and children, where the service can be seen and heard. Also available are phonic-ear hearing units, large print bulletins, and large-print Bibles. Ask any usher.

Chancel Flowers -

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., The Family of Carol Hahn, Karin Shawver, Barbara Smith, Peg Swinehart, Merdyth Updegraff, Logan Williams, The Family of Landyn Zerby.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Current Expenses - \$3,116.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$350.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$15.00;
Memorial Fund - \$75.00; OCWM - \$555.00;
Stroke Victim 2021 - \$15.00; Vanguard Total - \$189.59; Weis Cards - \$150.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$4,465.59 THANK YOU!

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:00 a.m. Office: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Website: www.stjohnslewisburg.org Email: stjohnsucc@ptd.net

It is a privilege to serve you today . . .

Rev. Alice Rauch, *Pastor*

Rev. James E. Johnson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Todd R. Hummel, *Dir. of Music/Organist*

Todd R. Hummel, *Bell Choir Director*

Linda Sartwell/Sue Baish, *Sound Technician*

Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*

Dot & Art Bower, *Greeters*

Acolyte

Barry Catherman, *Video Technician*

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SOME INTERPRETERS
REGARD JOHN 6 AS "JESUS
REPLACING MOSES"



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THAT MAKES
SENSE TO ME.



ISN'T MOSES
DEAD?



JOHN 6:1-21

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FUTURE

GATE HOUSE PROJECT - We will be collecting basic necessities for Gate House, in Danville, Pa., i.e.: Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, dishwashing detergent, garbage bags, etc.

The Gate House was founded in 1997 to provide safe shelter to homeless families. We provide a secure environment to residents of Pennsylvania in Montour and Columbia Counties. Our support and emergency services are a direct solution to families who are facing personal crises to include but are not limited to; abandonment, divorce, illness, accidents such as fire, flood, rent increases, or evictions. Our focus is to treat families with dignity and respect and to provide the resident and avenue to self-sufficiency.

WIRED WORD - The monthly Wired Word Study, held on the 4th Thursday of the month, will be on a brief pause until September 23rd, 2021. Have a great Summer!

SAVE THE DATE - **August 2nd**, 2021, at noon. There will be a call to care team gathering in the Church Parlor. Please bring a bag lunch.

SAVE THE DATE - **August 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**, we will celebrate the life of Fred Groover, in the Sanctuary.

SAVE ANOTHER DATE - On **Saturday, August 21st at 5:00 p.m.**, we will hold a Vespers Service in the Pavilion. A cookout is also in the plans for the event! Come join us!

RALLY DAY 2021 - Please join us on Sunday, September 12th for our celebration of Rally Day. This year, our guest musicians will be **THE RE-CREATION SINGERS**. Please join us in worship and then a covered dish dinner to follow.