



St. John's United Church of Christ
Worship Service
September 13, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2020

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,
we are glad you are connecting with us today!!*

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship:

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #419

"Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,

to keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
Creator now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Children's Time

Scripture: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Message

"How Many Times?"

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer (sins ... sinned against us)

Dedicating Our Gifts

May our gifts become symbols of our intention to minister with God to satisfy the needs of those whom God loves. Amen.

1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit,
Lord, free us, make us one!

Benediction

Benediction Response *"Peace"*

Peace be to you in all you do.
Peace be the way in all you say.
Peace be the light that shines so bright from your heart on the world this day.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.

Peace be the song that we will sing.
Peace be the joy, our spirits ring.
Peace be the love that sets us free peace for all, peace for you and me.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace live in you in all you do.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace live in you in all you do.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

(please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates):

Ongoing Needs- Lou Goff, Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Karen Morgan, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Bill & Lola Fuller, Evelyn Mabus, Ethel Moser, Nancy Sechler, Mary Stover.

Immediate Concerns - Fred Groover, Velma Ruhl, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart, Samantha Wyvill.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

September 6, 2020

Current Expenses - \$2,560.00; Food Pantry - \$308.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$550.00;
Harvest Home - \$5.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$20.00; Loose Offering - \$25.00;
Mission/Social Action Fund - \$35.00; OCWM - \$475.00; Weis Gift Cards - \$150.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$4,128.00 THANK YOU!

Join us for our Drive-In services on **SEPTEMBER 13, 20 and 27**, in the East Parking lot, **at 10 a.m.**

RALLY DAY 2020 - "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" - On Sunday, September 27, join your church family for a very special drive-in Rally Day service focused on "Who is my neighbor?" There will be special music from some of the youth, a skit, a prepackaged snack, and even games to play in your car! Don't miss this special service!