

WE WILL TELL

THE **Next** generation

ABOUT THE

glorious deeds

OF THE

Lord,

ABOUT **his POWER**

&

his mighty wonders.

PSALM 78:4

St. John's United Church of Christ

Rally Day - Worship Service

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 27, 2020 Rally Day

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:

We hear the voice of God calling,

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

**We feel the Spirit moving among us,
moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**

We know the love of Jesus.

We love because Christ first loved us.

Come, worship God together.

**Come, let us serve our God,
who calls us by name.**

Opening Hymn: #327

"Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Jesus loves me! Still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.**

Refrain

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-6a (The Message)

Presentation of Bibles

Anthem

"This is My Father's World"

Bell Choir

Words for All

Litany, Scripture and Skit - *"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"*

Visitor # 1

Response:

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:37)

Visitor #2

Response:

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:37)

Visitor #3

Response: One day [Jesus] was teaching; ... And behold, *some* men *were* carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in, and to set him down in front of Him. And not finding any *way* to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus. (Luke 5:17a, 18, 19 NAS)

Visitor #4

Response: **No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!!!**

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer (sins ... 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.

Dedicating Our Gifts

Grow these gifts in your love, bless our offerings, our hearts and our hopes in your love to make us worthy of your work for your Kingdom in heaven, and among us here, even now. Fill these gifts and each of us with your goodness. Amen.

Hymn

"We Are All Connected" (Sing Twice)

O-oh, we are all connected, we're part of creation.

O-oh, we are all connected, in Go-d's great world.

With the planet and the people, with the sk-y and the mountains.

O-oh, we are all connected, we're one family.

Benediction

Benediction Response #75

"Lord, Make Me More Holy"

1. Lord, make me more holy. Lord, make me more holy.
Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.
2. Lord, make me more faithful. Lord, make me more Faithful
Lord make me more faithful, until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Postlude

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, Karen Morgan, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

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

Immediate Concerns - Scot Bower, Fred Groover, Melissa & Tom Ransdorf, John Ruhl, Velma Ruhl, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart, Samantha Wyvill.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

September 20, 2020

Current Expenses - \$2,246.00; Endowment - \$3,000.00; Food Pantry - \$25.00;
Giant Gift Cards - \$50.00; Harvest Home - \$5.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$20.00;
Loose Offering - \$22.00; Mission/Social Action Fund - \$10.00; OCWM - \$280.00;
St. John's Quilters - \$25.00; Weis Gift Cards - \$150.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$5,833.00 THANK YOU!

RETURN TO SANCTUARY - Please consider joining us in worship next Sunday, October 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., as we return to the Sanctuary. Reminding all to use **ONLY** the front entrance to the Church. Social distancing will be maintained in the Sanctuary. Masks **MUST** always be worn, when indoors. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided to you upon entrance. Restrooms will be available, but the water fountains will not be available. Bottled water should be available, should you be in need. For those who don't feel comfortable returning indoors for worship, we will still be broadcasting on **F.M. 88.5**, with reception available in the parking lot, and broadcasting on FaceBook live.