



St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to Indoor Worship
November 15, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HARVEST HOME CELEBRATION

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

November 15, 2020

(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 Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship:

What a beautiful thing to be called to worship!

What a gift to come together in praise!

We are different people with different lives and different stories.

But, in Christ, we are one.

So, as one, we come and worship our God.

As one, we set aside our differences, and focus on our shared identity in Christ.

Let us come together in worship.

Let us come together in praise.

Let us come together because we are one in Christ.

Opening Music: #394

"In Christ There is no East or West"

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fam'ly bound by love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

3 Join hands, disciples in the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serve each other in Christ's love
Are surely kin to me.

2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession - *Lord God, always compassionate and filled with love, we come to you with heavy hearts. We have not always been all that you have called us to be. Too easily we become discouraged. Today, Lord, we need to feel the power of your miraculous ways. We are tired and worn out because of the hurts of this world. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana, we need a miracle of power in our lives and in the church. In the face of war, hunger, poverty and disease, we need a miracle of confidence, courage and enthusiasm. May your steadfast and forgiving love be born in us. Renew our hearts and minds and take us from fear and hopelessness to joy and vision and new life. This we pray in the name of the amazing Jesus, the One of miracles and faith. Amen.*

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Friends hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our Savior and our peace! His power is unequalled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Children's Time (Children will remain with their families during this time of sharing)

Special Music - **"Morning Has Broken"** - Stevens, Lillian Nelson, Violin, Joanna Nelson, Piano

Scriptures: Numbers 11:16-17 & I Corinthians 12:1, 12-27

Message **"The Fleet"** Rev. Dr. Carrie Call (Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference)

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

Dedicating Our Gifts

God, we have come, and given generously of our gifts. Take, bless and multiply them so that they may be a blessing in your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music to Send Us Forth #524

"This Little Light of Mine"

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine... This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

(You're invited to clap your hands or play the rhythm instruments with the song)

Benediction

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, Nancy Sechler, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns - Dot Bower, Helen Barsh, Scot Bower, Fred Groover, Ethel Moser, Pat & Jim Pomeroy, Melissa & Tom Ransdorf, Velma Ruhl, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart, Nancy Weslosky, Samantha Wyvill.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

November 8, 2020

2020 Poinsettias - \$37.50; Chancel Flowers - \$84.00; Current Expenses - \$1,910.00;
Giant Gift Cards - \$300.00; Hoffman Homes - \$55.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$30.00;
Loose Offering - \$23.00; OCWM - \$205.00; Thanksgiving Baskets - \$101.00;
Weis Cards - \$100.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$2,845.50 THANK YOU!

CHANCEL FLOWERS -are given in loving memory of Mrs. Helen K. Brumbaugh, by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Ron Zug.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 16	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WORSHIP/MUSIC COMM. (LIB) STEWARDSHIP/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)
Tuesday, November 17	7:30 p.m.	Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, November 18		
Thursday November 19	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	TOPS (CR) TOPS (CR) CONSISTORY (ZOOM)
Friday, November 20		
Saturday November 21		Hartman Center Day Retreat
Sunday, November 22	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	WORSHIP (SANCT./FACEBOOK/88.5 FM) Quilters (FH)

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME WHITE GIFT COLLECTION PROGRAM - This year St. John's will once again be collecting gifts for the children's home This is a UCC supported program and gifts are used throughout the year for birthdays, special events in a resident's life and Christmas. **The list of items requested by Bethany are printed and in the Narthex.** Please have all donations at the church by Sunday 12/13. We are also asking for a volunteer to drive the gifts to Bethany Home located in Womelsdorf. Please contact Brenda Adams with any questions.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - Our congregation will be providing Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets for 14 families this year. 10 of our 14 dinners will be designated for a Children and Youth families who are in need of assistance to have a holiday meal. We need monetary donations for turkeys and nonperishable foods such as (cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned veggies and fruits, and dessert such as jello/pudding, pie filling and crust, and cake mixes). Our timeline this year is as follows: **11/17 have food donations in the narthex**; **11/24** children's Sunday School class and congregation members pack meals and have them blessed; **11/25** baskets be distributed by the Children and Youth Caseworkers. Please be generous this holiday so others may be able to enjoy a nice holiday meal and leftovers.

SAVE THE DATE - On Sunday, November 29, at 2:00 p.m. help is needed to decorate the Church for Christmas! **(HANGING OF THE GREENS)** Please plan to come join in the fun. Many hands make light work for all!