



Save the Date – Upcoming Events

Thursdays - Bible Fellowship - 6pm in Fellowship Hall
TODAY - Photo Day following worship in Sanctuary
May 25th - Bongards Market Meeting - 6pm via ZOOM
Jun. 1st - Bongards Market Opening Day - 3pm to 6pm
Jun. 5th - Pentecost Sunday - 915am - "Wear your red"
with coffee and fellowship following worship
Jun. 12th - Graduates Sunday - 915am
Jun. 12th - Faith & Service Committee Meeting - 1015am
Jun. 13th - Womens Guild - 6pm in Fellowship Hall

Jun. 19th - Father's Day Sunday - 915am

Jun. 20th - Consistory Team Meeting - 6pm via ZOOM

Jun. 26th - Worship in the 'Son'shine - 10am followed by potluck picnic

Scan the QR code to head over to our website for a full calendar of services, events, announcements and more!

Announcements and Messages for the Community

Bongards Market Helpers Needed. A variety of opportunities for all abilities are available. This is our 10th season - Be part of the fun! Wednesdays, June to September. You pick dates/times that fit your schedule. Contact Vicki Moteelall at 612-710-0508.

Looking for a church family? If you have been led to St. John's looking to be more than a visitor, we welcome you openly to our family and would love an opportunity to chat. Contact Pastor Scott.

Share. Grow. Shine! Make sure you write ways you've shared your faith or grown your faith this week on a card and place it in the offering plate to be collected and celebrated. Fill our collective lantern and shine St. John's light!

The Word To Go: Find Sunday morning worship services on our YouTube channel, [St. John's UCC-Bongards](#). Worship will also be live-streamed on Facebook, when available.

For Pastoral Care. Please contact Pastor Scott at 804-350-0826 or email pastorsjucbongards@gmail.com.

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Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ

Thank you for worshiping with us. We are so glad that you are here!



Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf
May 22, 2022 -Sixth Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bell
Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Let the Creator be home among us. In our hearts, may God be welcome.

All: May God's love shape our every thought.

One: May our actions lead to God's justice.

All: May our words be words of life.

One: May God's Spirit lead us.

All: May God's peace dwell among us. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" (The Hymnal #467)**

Prayer of Invocation

One: God's love is our nourishment. God's truth, our liberation. God's words, our wisdom. God's peace is our home.

All: Welcome all to the love of God.

Prayer of Confession

One: We have not yet learned to love as you love. We have spoken praise in our mouths when our hearts were far from you. We don't always use the gifts you give us for peace. Yet, even in our failings, your love has never failed us. Even when we turn you away, you choose to make your home among us. Our hearts are troubled, we are enmeshed in fear. Creation needs you; our families need you; our towns need you; the soil needs you; our souls need you.

All: Heal us; forgive us; make us whole again.

—Time of Silent Confession—

Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's faithfulness is sure. God's love will not fail us. In accordance with God's lovingkindness, you are forgiven, you are welcome. You are home.

All: Glory to the love of God. AMEN.

Scripture Lessons and Message

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah ²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Scripture Reading: John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may

believe.

Message to the Children

Pastoral Meditation: "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us" (New Century Hymnal #264)

Hymn of Response:

Prayers and Concerns

Joys – Concerns – Blessings

Please share any special concerns, joys, and blessings.

Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

Presentation of the Offering**

***Invitation to the Offering**

One: Our God does not give as the world gives. In the chaos, God is our peace. In our fear, God is our confidence. In our weakness, God is our strength. Let us offer our gifts to God.

All: Thanks be to God. AMEN.

***Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" (The Hymnal #551)**

***Dedication Prayer (in unison)**

All: May these gifts be used to build the beloved community through our hands of service, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Closing and Blessing

***Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (The Hymnal #272)**

***Benediction and Blessing¹**

***Ring of the Church Bell**

Organ Postlude

**Please to stand if able*

***An offering collection plate is placed at the entrance of the sanctuary and will not be passed during worship.*

¹ Liturgy adapted from

<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-6c-may-22-2022/>