

Closing and Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "You pick - Shout out a number to a favorite hymn!"

*Benediction and Blessing

*Ringing of the Church Bell

Organ Postlude

*Please to stand if able

At the end of the service, please self-usher yourself out of the sanctuary, with those in the back exiting first.



Save the Date – Upcoming Events

Thursdays - Bible Fellowship - 6pm in Fellowship Hall and ZOOM

Oct. TBD - Faith Formation for Middle Schoolers - Contact Pastor Scott for details on Confirmation classes)

Oct. 12 - Women's Guild - 6pm in Fellowship Hall

Nov. 1 - Consistory Team Meeting - 6pm via ZOOM

Nov. 6 - All Saints Day - 915am

Nov. 12th - "Footloose" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, hosted by Women's Guild - 1030am - Sign up in the Narthex by Oct. 9th

Nov. 18th - Faith & Service Review Meeting - 6pm via ZOOM

Nov. 20 - His By Grace concert and Pie Social - 915am (Free will offering to benefit the Southwest Carver County food shelf)

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

All Saints Day Service. This will be a Sunday to remember those who have come and gone before us. Please invite your friends and family to join us. Bring a small memento in honor of a loved one, to be placed on the altar for the service. If you have a special poem, reading, or musical suggestion you'd like considered for the service or want to participate, contact Pastor Scott.

Fruit of the Spirit. This month's ministry is Peace Villa's Life Enrichment fund. Look for the special collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary.

Many hands make light work! We want a variety of skills and leaders, so please consider serving as a Consistory Team Member. We are in need of 3 members in 2023. Contact Michelle Bachmann at 952-361-3033 or Pastor Scott for more details.

Steeple maintenance and sanctuary painting. Please consider a prayerful donation. Our goal is \$20,150. The work has started! Thank you to those that have already donated.

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



Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ

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



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Worship Leader: Michelle Bachmann | Liturgist: Kenneth Kohls

October 2, 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Organ Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bell

Announcements

Children's Message

Call to Worship*

*(*Written by Marcy Gansler and Brande Crosby)*

Leader: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

Response: We are created for community!

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

Response: We are created for community!

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

Response: We are created for community!

Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

Response: We are created for community!

Opening Hymn: "You pick - Shout out a number to a favorite hymn!"

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

All: Eternal God, companion of all who seek you, and savior of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you, and grant us the grace to love and to serve you that we may find in your will our true freedom; through Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

Scripture Lesson and Message

Lamentations 3:19-26. The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4. The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Luke 17:5-10. The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Message: "God Bakes the Best Bread"

Hymn of Response: "You pick - Shout out a number to a favorite hymn!"

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

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

***Dedication Prayer (in unison)**

All: Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. AMEN.

Service of Holy Communion

All are welcome to this Meal. Partaking is voluntary and is not a "test" of your faithfulness in any sense. If you'd like the sacraments brought to you, please stay seated and raise your hand.

Communion Prayer & Invitation to the Table

Invitation Hymn: "You pick - Shout out a number to a favorite hymn!"

All: Gracious God, be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit lives forever. Amen

Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen