



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

October 10, 2021

(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!*

*Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being praise the Lord!

I will praise the Lord with all my life,

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

God is the maker of heaven and earth,

The sea, and all that is in them.

God is faithful forever,

And reigns with justice and righteousness.

*Hymn #565

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Prayer of Brokenness - Gracious and Wondrous God, we confess that we never seem to have enough. We desire to have more. We pursue what we do not have because others have it and we want it. We push ourselves to extremes, ignoring the poor, the oppressed among us, those whose voices we have marginalized, in order to assure ourselves of worldly success, security, wealth, and notoriety. Forgive us for our foolish ways. Lead us in Your wisdom to pursue justice and righteousness. Guide us in Your way of generosity to a spirit of abundant love and care for those in need among us. Hold us to Your truth and help us repent where we have gone astray to the ways of the world, instead of following Your way, Your truth, and Your life, through Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. It is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness - *Our cup runs over in the house of God. There is always more than enough for everyone, and just enough for our daily needs. When we love, care, and serve one another, we serve Christ. Know God's ways, trust in God's truth, and be assured that you are forgiven, loved, and restored. God and share the good news. Amen.*

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of Christ is with you!

And also with you!

You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

Words for All - Especially Children

Anthem

Scripture: **Mark 10:17-31**

Message

"Lacking One Thing"

Morning Prayer

Let us continue to pray in the words that Jesus taught 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.

Sharing our Joys and Celebrations

*Dedication of Gifts and Offerings - Generous God, we thank you for all that we have for all of it comes from you. We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you. May our offerings sustain and support the work of this church to close the disparity between those who have much and those who have little in this community. Amen.

*Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Benediction

*Postlude

THIS MORNING

St. John's is pleased you have joined with us today. We hope that you have found this time to be a blessing. **Please sign** the attendance book located in the Narthex (and kindly include your mailing address/telephone number and/or email) and introduce yourself to the persons who are worshipping around you. If you are looking for a new church family and are interested in knowing more about St. John's, please indicate that following worship to the Pastor or one of the ushers.

Available to you, if needed, is a Quiet Room for adults and children, where the service can be seen and heard. Also available are phonic-ear hearing units, large print bulletins, and large-print Bibles. Ask any usher.

Chancel Flowers - are given by Anna & Bob Brouse, in honor of our 56th wedding anniversary on October 9th and to celebrate our daughter & son-in-law's (Lisa & Brad Bingaman) 20th wedding anniversary.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

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

Ongoing Needs- Oliver Auman, Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Ingrid, Christine Sartwell, Karin Shawver, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Leanne Trout (Dee Ledgerwood's Mother), Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Bill & Lola Fuller, Jane Hayes, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Ethel Moser, Loretta Roberson, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns - Scott Bower, Bill Geyer, Joyce, Maryjane H., Michelle L., Jade M., Katelynn Mattison, Alice Savidge, Barbara Smith, Peg Swinehart.

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 11	10 am 1130am - 1pm 2 pm 630 - 730 pm 7 pm 7 pm	ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & MORE (CR) Lewisburg Garden Club (FH) WORSHIP/MUSIC SVCC Tryouts BVS Rehearsal (FH) CHRISTIAN ED (ZOOM)
Tuesday, October 12	6:30 - 8 pm 7:30 - 9:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 600006 (PAV) Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, October 13	7 am - 830 am	Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)
Thursday October 14	9:00-1030 am 1030am-12pm 7 pm	TOPS 1158 (CR.) Willowbrook String Band (FH) MISSION/SOCIAL ACTION COMM. (PAR)
Friday, October 15		
Saturday October16		
Sunday, October 17	9 am 10:00 am	BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.) WORSHIP - (Children's Church during worship)

FUTURE

HUNGER WALK - This year we will be having a **Lewisburg Community Walk to End Food Insecurity**. Every dollar raised will be given back to an organization in our community that is helping end food insecurity in our area. **Sunday October 10th at 2pm**. We will still have a 5k walk and a 1 mile walk. All churches can take up collections of their own. (We don't have fancy envelopes to collect.)

For online giving, you can use your offering envelope by designating "**WALK**" on the "other" line.

We have set up a fund in our online giving platform for the walk. If you want to use that you can follow this link and select "Lewisburg Walk to End Food Insecurity", or follow this link to our website:

<http://www.stjohnslewisburg.org/>

Click on the "**Donate Today**" button and use the drop-down menu to select the Community Walk Fund. All donations are processed via PayPal and are completely secure.

TRUNK-or-TREAT - The Christian Education committee has decided to hold **TRUNK-or-TREAT** this year on **Saturday, October 23rd, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm**.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to serve food at this event as in past years due to Covid restrictions. Please consider joining in the fun by "decorating" the trunk of your car and provide some pre-packaged treats for the kids! If interested, please call the office, 570-523-0162. We are also accepting individually wrapped candy for the event. Please bring to the office by Friday, October 22nd.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - The Mission/Social Action team will once again be filling up boxes of goodies and food for the less fortunate. Check your October Newsletter for more information.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Building Use - \$13.00; Chancel Flowers - \$42.00; Current Expenses - \$680.00;
Food Pantry - \$25.00; Food Pantry - \$25.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$500.00;
Improvements/Maintenance - \$115.00; Loose Offering - \$40.00;
Memorial Fund - \$150.00; Neighbors In Need - \$25.00; OCWM - \$221.00;
Vanguard Admiral - \$175.30; Weis Gift Cards - \$400.00;
William Cameron Engine Co. - \$287.00

GRAND TOTAL - \$2,673.30 THANK YOU!

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Worship 10:00 a.m. Office: Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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It is a privilege to serve you today . . .

Rev. Alice Rauch, *Pastor*

Rev. James E. Johnson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Todd R. Hummel, *Dir. of Music/Organist*

Todd R. Hummel, *Bell Choir Director*

Linda Sartwell / Sue Baish, *Sound Technician*

Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*

Anna & Bob Brouse, *Greeters*

Kiera Aulenbach, *Acolyte*

Barry Catherman, *Video Technician*

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What Must I Do? *Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week*

Many years ago, ordained United Church of Christ disability rights activist Harold Wilke (1915–2003) wrote, “The festivals of the religious year show forth new meanings for access and liberation: In the glory of Easter – the stone rolled away – we see the barrier removed. In the wonder of Pentecost, the message is heard, understood, and seen by all. In the liberating act of Passover, the message is: “Let My People Go!” and the parting of the Red Sea. In the joy of Advent, God embodies divinity in human form.”

Yet, for many persons today...the barriers still remain; The stone is still in place; The waters are not parted, the way not opened; The words cannot be heard; The flame of the Spirit’s tongues cannot be seen, the message not understood.

Proclaiming the message in all languages for today means using Braille or larger print for people with visual disabilities, signing or special sound systems for persons with hearing disabilities; image, color and drama for people with cognitive disabilities; architectural access for people with physical disabilities or who are getting older.

Let the stone be rolled away! Let the glorious message be proclaimed truly, in all languages so all may hear and understand!”

Wilke’s stirring words begin the guidebook entitled, “*Anybody, Everybody, Christ’s body: A Guide for Congregations, Associations and Conferences in Becoming Accessible To All (A2A)*”. This guide is invaluable to those congregations that fear that becoming truly physically accessible in their church buildings is fiscally out of reach. After all, the idea of putting in a new elevator or enhanced sound system might seem daunting.

The A2A guidebook is a reminder that just as important as physical and fiscal shifts, are changes in habits and attitudes. While these may take time and spiritual effort, the effect on the church budget may be less than is feared. The process of becoming accessible to all (A2A) begins with an audit of your space, which you can find, along with the A2A guidebook, at the website for the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministry (uccdm.org).



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