

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. May 10, 2026

(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.

In 2026 We Are Dreaming God's Dream Together

Prelude

Announcements

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 66)

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to them.

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed God's steadfast love from us.

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Come as we proclaim, witness, and testify to all God has done. Bless the Holy One!

*Opening Hymn *"God of the Women"* Carolyn Winfrey Gillette Insert

Prayer of Transformation and New Life: Redeemer of our lives, we come to you knowing that we participate in a world Gracious and Eternal One, we proclaim that you breathe life into us and know us fully. Yet, sometimes, you remain unknown to us. Sometimes we search for you and sometimes we fumble about for you. We rest in the assurance that when we seek you, we will find you. But there are times when we refuse to seek, refuse to search, refuse to fumble. There are times when we rather keep you in compartments so that you will not fully impact our lives. There are moments when we close ourselves off from your revealing word, guiding hand, and nudging Spirit. Forgive us, O God, for not coming to you as you come to us—fully, persistently, and constantly—and give us strength to fumble and reach toward you in all seasons and at all times. Amen.

Assurance of Grace: *Beloved, you are known by God and received as you are—wonderfully and beautifully but not perfectly made. Draw near to God who knows your limitations and loves you. Seek the Holy One who recognizes your faults and finds the good in you. Search for the Spirit who discovers you on wayward paths and redirects you. Receive the God who comes to you with peace, grace, mercy, and joy. Come to the One who will not reject or rebuff you but will renew and restore you in hope and love.*

Passing of the Peace:

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Song of Joy

"Halleluja"

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Words for All, Especially Children

Bell Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading Acts 17:22-31

Message *"Being Enough"*

Lord's Prayer (sinned and 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.**

Celebrations and Joys

*Singing Our Gratitude as We Dedicate our Offerings (tune: Canonberry)

**Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.**

*Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: **Righteous God, receive these gifts we offer from our hearts and hands that they and we might be of service in your kindom and for your glory. Amen.**

*Hymn *"God Bless Our Homes"* #429

*Benediction:

Postlude

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ongoing Needs- Anna Brouse, Peg Brouse, Dorothy Griffith, Bill Fuller, Bill Geyer, Brock Hare, Jean Hartman, Kristian K., Ethel Moser, Christine Sartwell, Alice Savidge, Leslie Shearer, Victor Snyder, Dianna Spickler, Emily Weaver, Linda Williams, Rev. Sharon Von Blohn.

Immediate Concerns - Laurie Anderson, The Family of Barry Bilger, Rev. Patty Dodds, Hunter English (Sharon Von Blohn's grandson), Peg Heitman, Riley Hoey, Craig Hoffman, Steve M., Pam Mabus, Ben Moyer, Craig O'Neil, Todd O'Neil, Bruce Rauch, Colleen Ross, Ann Smit, Renee St. Clair, Rick Wherley, The Family of Wayne Williams, Samantha Wyvill, Brett Yarger.

CHANCEL FLOWERS - Are sponsored by Linda Sartwell in honor of all mothers.

TODAY

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) or fill out a Welcome Card (located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex) and introduce yourself to the people 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 greeters. Offering plates are located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 11	9 am - 11 am 9 am 12 pm - 1 pm 2 pm 1 pm - 4 pm 7 pm 7 pm	Kindermusik (PAR) ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS (CR) Lewisburg Garden Club (FH) WORSHIP/MUSIC (GP) BVS Rhearsal (FH) CHRISTIAN ED. (ZOOM) Girl Scout Leaders Group (GP)
Tuesday, May 12	8am 10:30 - Noon 1 pm - 4pm 6:30 pm 7 pm - 9:30 pm	P.E.O. Sale Set-up Willowbrook Strings (FH) Community Harvest (KTCHN) Confirmand Trip to Sunbury Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, May 13	8 am - 3 pm	P.E.O. PORCH SALE (PAV)
Thursday, May 14	8:30 am- 10:30am 9 am - 10:30 am 1:30 pm - 3 pm 7 pm 7 pm	WW (FH) TOPS (CR) Trailside Troubadours (FH) M.A.S.H. (GP/ZOOM) Women's Barbershop Chorus (SANCT)
Friday, May 15		
Saturday May 16	10:00 am - Noon 10:30 am 7:30 pm	COMMUNITY HARVEST (FH) GARDEN WORK DAY BVS CONCERT
Sunday, May 17	9:00 am 10 am 11 am 3 pm	CHANCEL CHOIR (CH.RM) WORSHIP, CONFIRMATION, CHILDREN'S CHURCH CONFIRMATION RECEPTION (NARTHX) BVS CONCERT

FUTURE

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH - Rides to Church services are now available for folks. If you're in need of a ride to one of our services, please call the Church office (570) 523-0162 by at least the Friday prior to needing a ride.

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING - May's mission offering is dedicated to **Getting Ahead in the Valley**.

CHANCEL FLOWER CHART - The Chancel Flower Chart is located in the Narthex. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday or two for flowers.

COMMUNITY HARVEST MEAL - If you have any questions or are interested please contact me through messages or email. 570-492-4487 - Riley. Hoeyriley32@gmail.com The next food distribution will be **May 16th**, 10 am - Noon.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

May 3, 2026

Garden - \$100.00; Building Use - \$40.00; Current Expenses - \$4,470.00;
Davy's Cards - \$300.00; Getting Ahead in the Valley - \$350.00;
Giant Cards - \$200.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$168.60;
Loose Offering - \$25.00; OCWM - \$645.00; St. John's Quilters - \$15.00;
Weis Cards - \$300.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$ 6,613.60 THANK YOU!!!

St. John's United Church of Christ

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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. Gary Nottis, *Pastoral Care Assoc.*

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

Todd R. Hummel, *Bell Choir Director*

Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*

Staci & Shannon Prutzman, *Greeters*

Keira Aulenbach, Kora Aulenbach, *Acolytes*

Sue Baish, Barry Catherman, Alicia Graybill,

Lisa Graybill, Linda Sartwell, Dave Smit,

Tech Team

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Available to you, if needed, are Quiet Rooms 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 greeter or A/V team member.