

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 14, 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 116)

We call on the Holy One as long as we live! What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

With love and laughter, we praise the Holy One!

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we praise the Holy One!

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our lives, we praise the Holy One!

*Opening Hymn "O God Whose Steadfast Love" #426

Prayer of Transformation and New Life: God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed life. Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us. Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our faith and our work join with your power to make us fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears. May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Grace: *Gracious ones, you may receive the nourishment and encouragement of God to be fruitful even when the Holy One amazes us beyond expectation and dream. God is with us in season and out of season. Expect an abundant and bountiful harvest to witness to God's grace at work in and through us.*

Passing of the Peace: *The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!*

Song of Joy "How Can I Say Thanks" #14

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me;
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.
All that I am, and ever hope to be; I owe it all to you.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things you have done.
With your blood you have saved me;
With your power you have raised me;
To God be the glory for the things you have done.

Words for All, Especially Children

Scripture Reading Matthew 10:1-8

Message *"Instruction Manual?"*

Prayers of the People

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.

Mission Moment Andrea Tufo, Donald Heiter Center

Celebrations and Joys

*Singing Our Gratitude as We Dedicate our Offerings #376 Stanza #1

God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil,
Hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil.
Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised;
Here in hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.

*Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give. Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. Amen.

*Hymn *"Children of God"* #533

*Benediction:

Postlude

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.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL - Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for our **SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL**. Today's program will be Dr. Ken Kindya's presentation on Childhood Mental Health. A light meal will be served.

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 15	9 am - 12:30 pm 6 pm - 8 pm 7 pm	Kindermusik (PAV) Empty Arms Group (CR) FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)
Tuesday, June 16	9 am - 12:30 pm 9 am 10:30 - Noon 7 pm - 9:30 pm	Kindermusik (PAV) TUESDAY TRUDGERS (FH) Willowbrook Strings (FH) Men's Westbranch Chorus (CH.RM)
Wednesday, June 17	9 am - 12:30 pm 9 am	Kindermusik (PAV) GARDEN HARVEST (GARDEN)
Thursday, June 18	8:30 am- 10:30am 9 am - 12:30 pm 9 am - 10:30 am 1:30 pm - 3 pm 7 pm 7 pm	WW (FH) Kindermusik (PAV) TOPS (CR) Trailside Troubadours (FH) CONSISTORY (ZOOM) Women's Barbershop Chorus (SANCT)
Friday, June 19	9 am - 12:30 pm	Kindermusik (PAV)
Saturday June 20	9 am - Noon 10 am - Noon	Xigong (Narthx) Community Harvest (FH/PAV)
Sunday, June 21	10 am 11 am	WORSHIP, FATHER'S DAY, GRADUATE RECOGNITION, CHILDREN'S CHURCH GRADUATE RECEPTION (NARTHX)

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 - June's mission offering is dedicated to the **Strengthen the Church** fund.

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 **June 20th**, 10 am - Noon.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

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

Immediate Concerns -Pat B., Rev. Patty Dodds, Hunter English (Sharon Von Blohn's grandson), Peg Heitman, Craig Hoffman, Steve M., Pam Mabus, Ben Moyer, Craig O'Neil, Todd O'Neil, Ann Smit, Renee St. Clair, Rick Wherley, Samantha Wyvill, Brett Yarger.

CHANCEL FLOWERS - are sponsored by Melitta Hagenbuch.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

June 7, 2026

Building Use - \$40.00; Chancel Flowers - \$50.00;
Current Expenses - \$1,365.00; Davy's Cards - \$225.00;
Improvements/Maintenance - \$25.00; LEAF Fund - \$200.00;
Loose Offering - \$65.00; OCWM - \$160.00; Strengthen the Church - \$270.00;
Weis Cards - \$375.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$ 2,775.00 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*

Sylas Wilde, *Kitchen Manager*

Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*

Sue & Jim Tomlinson, *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.