

## Closing and Blessing

\*Closing Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (The Hymnal #280)

\*Benediction and Blessing<sup>1</sup> - Rev. Siefert

\*Ringing of the Church Bell

\*Please to stand if able



### Save the Date – Upcoming Events

Wednesdays - Bongards Market - 3pm to 6pm  
Thursdays - Be One in the Spirit Bible Study on Acts of the Apostles Bible Fellowship - 6pm in Fellowship Hall  
TODAY - Ice Cream Social following Worship  
July 21st - No Bible Study - NYA Corn Feed at Legion Park  
July 24th - Special Congregational Meeting following Worship

Aug. 5 - Find Food Carver Co. Volunteering - noon to 4pm. (Contact Michelle for details sjucbongards@gmail.com)

Aug. 14th - St. John's Got Talent - 915am followed by pie social

Aug. 17th - Shoe Bus at the Market - 3pm to 6pm

**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

**Congratulations to Rev. Siefert! It's official!** We are blessed to have Pastor Scott called to our community and installed as our 16th pastor.

**Thank you for gathering with us today.** Your presence was a present as we celebrate such a joyous occasion.

**Special Congregational Meeting.** Sunday, July 24th following Worship to discuss maintenance & painting options for the steeple.

**St. John's Got Talent.** Calling all singers, musicians, dancers, and orators! We want your special talents for our Sunday Worship on August 14th. Contact Pastor Scott if you'd like to participate in this fun worship service.

**Shoe Away Hunger.** You can drop off new and gently used shoes the day of the sale at the market or with Pastor Scott beforehand.

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

<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, Prayer of Confession, and Benediction adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-6b-may-9/>

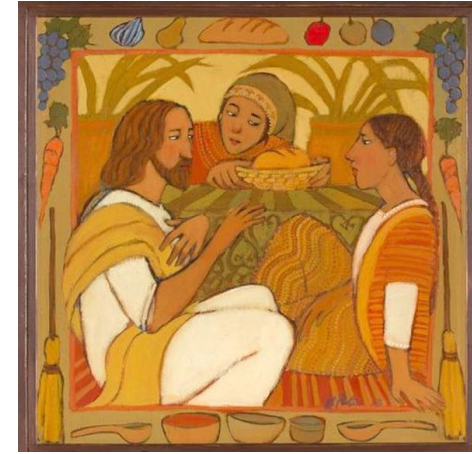


## Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ

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



'Mary, Martha and Jesus' by Kathleen Peterson - Spring City, UT

**Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf, Violinist: Mary Hudson**

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost - July 17, 2022

*Installation Service of Rev. Siefert to St. John's United Church of Christ*

### Prelude

"Amazing Grace" - Mary Hudson and Penny Rolf

### Ringing of the Church Bell

**Announcements and Words of Welcome** - Rev. Siefert

### Call to Worship - Rev. Penny Entringer

One: God speaks to the heart,

**All: Offering compassion and hope.**

One: God enlivens the mind,

**All: Inviting curiosity and wonder.**

One: God awakens all spirits,

**All: Fostering sacred connection.**

One: God nurtures our strength,

**All: Creating unimagined possibilities.**

One: God calls the whole world,

**All: Inspiring extravagant love.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* (The Hymnal #1)

**Prayer of Invocation** - Rev. Penny Entringer

One: Creating Spirit, we join with the chorus of all creation to celebrate your wondrous deeds. Fill us with your joy and train our ears for harmony, so that we may contribute to the world You are already creating. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who revealed what is possible through love. **AMEN.**

**Prayer of Confession** - Rev. Penny Entringer

One: Unwavering God, we keep asking what is it that you most want us to do with our lives in hope you might tell us something easier. Instead, You offer the same answer every time: Love one another as I have loved you.

**All: We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be.**

One: We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace.

**All: We are swift to anger and resistant to make amends.**

One: We are prone to suspicion and resistant to build trust.

**All: We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change. Unwavering God, in these moments of stillness, hear our struggles with the love you call us to practice.**

*—Time of Silent Confession—*

**Assurance of Grace** - Rev. Penny Entringer

One: Friends, hear the good news. God’s love is so extravagant and inclusive that it knows no bounds. It transcends borders and speaks a universal language. Abide in that love. Find joy in that love. Be renewed by that love. Replicate that love in the world. **AMEN.**

**First Scripture Reading: Acts 1:8 NRSV** - Rev. Penny Entringer. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

**Second Scripture Reading: John 15:12-17 NRSV** - Rev. Kelly Gallagher.<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Pastoral Meditation** - Rev. Kelly Gallagher

**Hymn of Response:** *“God, Who Summons through All Ages”* (New Century Hymnal #356)

## **Order of Installation (See Insert)**

**Greeting; Presentation; Exhortation; Covenant; Prayer of Installation; Declaration**

## **Prayers and Concerns**

**Poetry Reading - “A Pastor’s Heart”** By Sandra L. Adams - Michelle Bachmann

**Joys – Concerns – Blessings** - Rev. Siefert

*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\*\***

*\*\*The loose offering collected today will be donated to the MN UCC Conference Minister’s Discretionary Fund.*

**\*Invitation to the Offering** - Rev. Siefert

One: We believe in the God of justice and righteousness, and God believes in us to carry forth the mission of loving and caring for community. Let us now share our gifts and resources so that we may continue to walk humbly with God and our neighbors.

**Offertory Music:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* Ludwig Van Beethoven - Mary Hudson and Penny Rolf

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

**\*Dedication Prayer** - Rev. Siefert

One: For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community and the world.

**All: We dedicate these gifts.**