

All: O God, receive these gifts as seeds to be nurtured and grown into new abundance, more possibilities, and magnifying gifts for your kingdom on earth.

Closing and Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (The Hymnal #12)

*Benediction and Blessing¹

*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 - 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

Sep. 11th - Growing in God's Love (Faith Formation in-person Sunday School for ages 4 to 10 years) starts - 915am in Fellowship Hall

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

Special Congregational Meeting. TODAY 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.

Consistory Team Meeting and Members. There is one opening on our Consistory Team. Please pray-fully consider serving. Everyone is welcome to attend Team meetings. Input and engagement from the Congregation is encouraged. Contact Michelle Bachmann at 952-361-3033 or Pastor Scott.

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

¹ Liturgy adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-c-july-24-2022/>



Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ

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



"Thankful" by Henry Ossawa Tanner

Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf

July 24, 2022 - Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Ringing of the Church Bell Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather to rejoice in the Holy One.

All: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We assemble as people called to community by and with the Redeemer.

All: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We come open to the possibilities made new by the Creator.

All: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

*Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (The Hymnal #21)
Prayer of Invocation

One: Compassionate One, your love sustains, molds us, and empowers us. Renew us as your people grounded in you and flourishing in you.

All: May we dwell in that love as you dwell in us - faithfully, joyfully, and abundantly.

Prayer of Confession

One: Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those in your image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We turn toward you to strengthen and for guidance to turn away from the norms of the world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice.

All: Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. AMEN.

—Time of Silent Confession—

Assurance of Pardon

One: The One who is holy and righteous makes us holy and righteous. We are participants, heirs, and co-creators of new life found in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ and in the realm of the Holy One which has no end. In this, grace abounds and liberates us to new mornings, new mercies, and new life.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 138 (NRSV) ¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. ⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13 (NRSV) He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has

arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Children’s Message

Pastoral Meditation: *“The Gift of Prayer”*

Hymn of Response: *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”* (New Century Hymnal #286)

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**

An offering collection plate is placed at the entrance of the sanctuary and will not be passed during worship.

Invitation to the Offering

One: Compassion stirs us to generous action and hopeful giving. We share the abundance of our resources and spread the gifts we have received for the good of the world and the work of the kingdom.

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

***Dedication Prayer**