

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ given for you. **AMEN.**
One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.
AMEN.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

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: Jesus informs us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart is also."
Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents.
May our generosity meet God's abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

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

***Dedication Prayer**

All: Holy One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of the treasure to the use for your kingdom. May your will be manifested and our creation restored through sharing these offerings.

Closing and Blessing

***Closing Hymn:** "Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)" (New Century Hymnal #595)

***Benediction and Blessing**

***Ring of the Church Bell**

*Please to stand if able



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!



"Starry Night" by Vincent Van Gogh

Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf | Guitarist: Jolene Schmitz

August 7, 2022 - Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Ring of the Church Bell

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Our Creator resides in our midst and is calling us to this community.

All: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: God gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

All: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

All: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

***Opening Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (The Hymnal #472)

Prayer of Invocation

One: Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kingdom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home.

All: Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be our good news in the world.

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us the misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful resources you have entrusted in our care.

All: Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance in us, and enable flourishing through us.

—Time of Silent Confession—

Assurance of Pardon

One: Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Your grace is such a gift. Your mercy is such a gift. Transformation and new life descend from the Most High to all who would receive it. Receive the assurance of God's grace and compassion as precious treasure made available to all.

One: **First Scripture Reading: Psalm 33:12-22** ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. ¹³The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. ¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. ¹⁸Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. ²¹Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. ²²Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12:32-40 ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Children's Message

Pastoral Meditation: *“Unfailing Treasure in Heaven”*

Hymn of Response: *“Just as I Am”* (New Century Hymnal #207)

Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

One: It is right to give God thanks and praise. We give you thanks, Holy One, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being...With your people in faith in all places and times we praise you with joy.

All: God's love endures forever.

One: For on the night of betrayal Jesus took bread...and said, “Take, eat: This is my body which is given to you. Do this in remembrance of me.”...“Drink this: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”.. in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. AMEN.

One: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine. That they might be for us the presence of the living Christ. Pour your Spirit upon us also. That we may be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to our world, until we arrive at the heavenly banquet of God.

Call to the Supper

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

{Please come forward as you are able to receive and partake of the elements}



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