

Collection and Presentation of the Offering

Invitation to the Offering

One: We are invited to offer resources, time, abilities, compassion, in a tangible expression of our hope for the future for ourselves, this community of faith and many others near and far away. Be generous, my friends, with your trust in the future.

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

***Dedication Prayer All:** God, we have received hope; we give you time. We have received hope; we give one another the church. We have received hope; we offer these gifts that they may become the change or simply the promise of change among those who need this clear image that they are not abandoned. AMEN.

Closing and Blessing

***Closing Hymn:** "Saviour, Again Up to Thy Dear Name We Raise" (The Hymnal #32)

***Benediction and Blessing¹**

***Ring of the Church Bell**

*Please to stand if able

At the end of the service, please self-usher yourself out of the sanctuary, with those in the back exiting first.



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!



"Works of Mercy with Dives and Lazarus" ca.1550, artist unknown

Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf

Liturgist: Jeannette Bachmann

September 25, 2022 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ring of the Church Bell

Announcements

Children's Message

"I Am the Light of the World": John 8:12

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Jeannette Bachmann

One: Peace be to this house and to all for whom this is home.

All: And also with you.

One: The Holy One says: Why spend money on that which does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all. Listen now, my people and come to me; come to me and you will have life!" I am the bread of life!

¹ Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Grace, and benediction adapted from UCC Book of Worship: Brief Order for the Service of the Word and Sacrament. Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication from:

<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-21c-september-25/>

All: Anyone who comes to You shall not hunger; anyone who believes in me shall not thirst.

***Opening Hymn: "Praise Thou the Lord, O My Soul" (The Hymnal #6)**

Prayer of Invocation - Jeannette Bachmann

One: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and the preaching of the prophets.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love. The whole universe speaks of your glory.

Prayer of Confession - Rev Siefert

One: God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, and waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in suffering of our sisters and brothers in need.

All: We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, AMEN.

—Time of Silent Confession—

Assurance of Grace

One: Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

First Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Jeannette Bachmann: Psalm 146: ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. ³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. ⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31 ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Pastoral Meditation: "You Can't Take It With You"

Hymn of Response: "When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)" (New Century Hymnal #438)

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.



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