**St. John United Church of Christ**

***“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”***

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| August 15, 2021 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor | Ritch Alexander, Organist |
| 9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship | 9:30 Sunday School for Children |
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**and REQUIRED for those not vaccinated.**

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***Bold italic denotes congregation reads or sings.***

\*Denotes all who are able, please stand.

**WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

A STORY FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Ephesians 5:15-20 pg. 183

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

*Nicea/Hymn to Joy* Sikes

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER Based on Mark 9:33-37, 42

Jesus and his disciples journeyed to Capernaum, and stayed together in someone’s home. On the way there, the disciples argued among themselves.

***They argued over which of them was greatest. We would***

***never do that in our walk with Jesus.***

Jesus knew what they were fussing about, even though they were silent. And so, he taught them a basic lesson.

***Jesus said: ”Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” We would never consider ourselves to be better than others in God’s family.***

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Jesus made his point by holding a little child in that home on his lap and saying: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

***And then Jesus taught that whoever welcomes him welcomes God. We would never exclude any of God’s children.***

Let us pray together:

***We have come to worship you, O God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as beloved children welcomed into your arms. We want to be humble and caring, faithful and sharing, yet at times we are stumbling blocks to others and ourselves. Keep us from doing what we say we would never do. With each new morning, inspire us for true discipleship that honors and praises you. Amen.***

\*HYMN  ***“Morning Has Broken”*** #35

\*RESPONSIVE READING1

Deep inside us all—old and young alike--

***There is a place of faith,***

A place of trust and hope and love,

***Without which there can be no peace.***

Jesus said, “Let the children come unto me, and do not hinder them,

***For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”***

Hear, then, O people of God: Live as children of the Almighty,

***With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,***

With a trust that makes you vulnerable,

***And with love that is easy and quick.***

STORY *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:13-16 pg. 43

DUET *Lord of the Dance* Roni Douglas and Becky Kriegel

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:17-22 pg. 43

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SERMON IN SONGS (Pastor Karla will talk before each one)

***The B-I-B-L-E*** Sing 3 times fromInsert

***The Wise Man and Foolish Man*** Insert

***Zacchaeus*** Insert

***Rise and Shine*** Insert

***\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***  #34

***\*Glory Be to the Father*** #734

***\*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** Vss. 1 & 4 #136

***Awesome God*** Sing 2 times #658

***Great Is the Lord*** #50

***Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*** #88

***When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*** Insert

***When We All Get to Heaven*** Vss. 1 & 3 #525

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

***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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

PRAYER RESPONSE  *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Roni Douglas and Becky Kriegel

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Sunday School Medley* Ritch Alexander

\*RESPONSE ***“Jesus Loves the Little Children”***

Ritch play once and then everyone sing once

***Jesus loves the little children,***

***All the children of the world.***

***Red and yellow, black and white,***

***They are precious in His sight—***

***Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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***Lord, you have told us to let our light shine in every way as a beacon of hope and gift of love. Through our offerings we remember and respond as with the song “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.” We’re not going to let your love be hidden under a bushel or blown out. No, we’re going to let it shine everywhere our offerings go, for you are close beside us, and them, all the way. Amen.***

\*HYMN  ***“Jesus Loves Me”***  #437

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Postlude* Hughes

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“Praise the LORD! [Let us] give thanks to the LORD with [our] whole heart, in the company ... of the congregation” (Psalm 111:1). Welcome.

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up Monday, please call **Mary Jo Seibold** at (618) 792-0120. If you would like to sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at 877-6060. The next available dates are October 3, 10, & 31.

**Thank you** to Beverly Partney for serving as liturgist today.

**Thank you** to Roni Douglas and Becky Kriegel for providing special music.

**THIS WEEK**

Today: In-person and Zoom **Hymn-Sing** Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for Children, 9:30 a.m.

Rally Day, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday: Al-Anon: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday: Karla on vacation until 26th

Saturday: **Herald Deadline**

Next Sunday: In-person and Zoom Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for Children, 9:30 a.m.

Catch-Up Sunday

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**RALLY DAY**

Come one, come all! Today, **August 15, 2021**, isRally Day! Join in on the fun from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.! We’ll have hot dogs, chips, drinks and popsicles available. There will be a water slide bounce house, board games, card games, and, of course, some good conversation! Don’t forget to bring your swimsuit, towels, and lawn chairs if you want to sit outside!

**RUMMAGE SALE**

This year’s Rummage Sale will take place Thursday, September 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday, September 24, from 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Items for the sale may be dropped off on September 5 and then from Tuesday, September 7 until September 22. Items may **not** be dropped off on September 6 because the office will be closed for Labor Day. Setup will take place September 21 & 22. **We will need many volunteers,** so please come any time after 9:00 a.m. if you’re able to help. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 877-6060. Masks will be required.

**SCRIP (GIFT CARDS)**

Plans are to resume the scrip (gift card) program in September. Orders would be submitted the first and third Sundays with delivery the subsequent first and third Sundays. Exception would be that the order is not large enough to cover shipping expenses. “Favorites” order forms can be picked up in fellowship hall after worship service or will be on the table in the narthex. Check payable to St. John UCC should accompany order. Cost is face amount of gift card. No tax and rebate is automatically sent to the church. Not attending worship in person? No problem as you can still order cards. Just send a note with your payment to the church office.  Delivery arrangements will be coordinated. Please contact Melissa Lane 314-575-7627 or Betty Meszaros 618-670-5267 with questions or see them at the “scrip table” in fellowship hall.  Appreciation to all supporting this project

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our August mission of the month is collecting donations to cover the cost of paper goods for sausage dinner. Sausage Dinner will be held

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on **October 17, 2021**. The format of Sausage Dinner, whether it is drive thru like last year or otherwise, will be determined at a later date.

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Nursing & Assisted Living**

Ruth Buer, Hilde Few, JoAnn King, Mary Lee Krohne, and Karen Luddeke.

Loretta Cook is at Anderson Hospital in Room 202.

**At Home**

Ritch Alexander, Rose Marie Bauer, Isabella Boyer, Nancy Boyer, Marlene Brokaw, Myra Cook, Janet Cowley, Randy Fischer, Bonnie Fornaszewski, Mary Franz, Norman Hente, Bill McAmish, Sandy Mueller, David Oliver Jr., Karen Orr, Cliff Robertson, Merle Rose, Marge Schmidt, June Stille, Linda Sturman, and Don Young.

**Illinois South Conference**

Mascoutah St. John UCC, Rev. Hugh (Bo) Fitz. Chaplain for SIH Cancer Institute & Trauma Center, Rev. Barbara Patten. Retired Pastor, Rev. Dr. Richard and Johann Ellerbrake, Lebanon, IL.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Mark 10:13-16**

**13**People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. **14**But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. **15**Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” **16**And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Mark 10:17-22**

**17**As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **18**Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **19**You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” **20**He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” **21**Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” **22**When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.



***When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder***

***When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,***

***and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.******When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.***

***Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.***

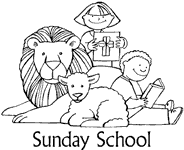
***When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.***



**SONG SHEET**

**AUGUST 15, 2021**

**RALLY DAY**

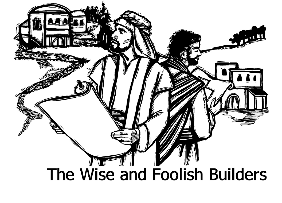


***The B-I-B-L-E***

(Sing 3 Times)

***The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that’s the book for me,***

***I stand alone on the word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.***



***The Wise Man and Foolish Man***

Matthew 7:24-27

***The wise man built his house upon the rock,***

***The wise man built his house upon the rock,***

***The wise man built his house upon the rock,***

***And the rains came tumbling down.***

***The rains came down and the floods came up,***

***The rains came down and the floods came up,***

***The rains came down and the floods came up,***

***And the house on the rock stood firm.***

***The foolish man built his house upon the sand,***

***The foolish man built his house upon the sand,***

***The foolish man built his house upon the sand,***

***And the rains came tumbling down.***

***The rains came down and the floods came up,***

***The rains came down and the floods came up,***

***The rains came down and the floods came up,***

***And the house on the sand went SMASH!***



***Zacchaeus***

Luke 19:1-5

***Zacchaeus was a wee little man,***

***A wee little man was he,***

***He climbed up in a sycamore tree***

***For the Lord he wanted to see;***

***And as the Savior passed that way,***

***He looked up in the tree,***

**And He said: “Zacchaeus, you come down,**

***For I’m going to your house today,***

***For I’m going to your house today.”***



***Rise and Shine***

Genesis 6-9

***Chorus  
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!  
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!  
Rise and shine and (clap once) give God your glory, glory!  
Children of the Lord.***

***The Lord said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody."  
Lord said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody."  
"Get those animals (clap once) out of the muddy, muddy!"  
Children of the Lord.***

***So Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.  
Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.  
Made it out of (clap once) hickory barky, barky.  
Children of the Lord.***

***The animals, they came on, they came on by twosies, twosies.  
The animals, they came on, they came on by twosies, twosies.  
Elephants and (clap once) kangaroosies, roosies.  
Children of the Lord. So...***

***Chorus***

***It rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.  
Rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.  
Nearly drove those (clap once) animals crazy, crazy.  
Children of the Lord.***

***The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.  
Sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.  
Everything was (clap once) fine and dandy, dandy.  
Children of the Lord.***

***Now that is the end, the end of my story, story.  
That is the end, the end of my story, story.  
Everything is (clap once) hunky dory, dory.  
Children of the Lord. So...***

***Chorus***

***“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise him above, ye heavenly host:***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

***“Glory Be to the Father”***

***Glory be to the Father,***

***And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning,***

***Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

***Amen, Amen.***

***“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***

***Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!***

***God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***

***All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!***

***God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

***“Awesome God”***

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***Our God is an awesome God,***

***He reigns from heaven above***

***With wisdom, power and love –***

***Our God is an awesome God!***

***(x2)***

***“Great Is the Lord”***

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***Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;***

***By his power we trust in his love.***

***Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;***

***By his mercy he proves he is love.***

***Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!***

***Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.***

***Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:***

***Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!***

***Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;***

***By his power we trust in his love.***

***Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;***

***By his mercy he proves he is love.***

***Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!***

***Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.***

***Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:***

***Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!***

***“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”***

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***Lord, I lift your name on high,***

***Lord, I love to sing your praises.***

***I’m so glad you’re in my life,***

***I’m so glad you came to save us.***

***You came from heaven to earth to show the way,***

***From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;***

***From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;***

***Lord I lift your name on high.***

***“When We All Get to Heaven”***

***Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,***

***Sing his mercy and his grace;***

***In the mansions bright and blessed***

***He’ll prepare for us a place.***

***When we all (When we all) get to heaven,***

***What a day of rejoicing that will be!***

***When we all (When we all) see Jesus***

***We’ll sing and shout the victory. (And shout the victory).***

***Let us then be true and faithful,***

***Trusting, serving every day;***

***Just one glimpse of him in glory***

***Will the toils of life repay.***

***When we all (When we all) get to heaven,***

***What a day of rejoicing that will be!***

***When we all (When we all) see Jesus***

***We’ll sing and shout the victory. (And shout the victory).***

***“Jesus Loves Me”***

***Jesus loves me, this I know,***

***For the Bible tells me so!***

***Little ones to him belong:***

***They are weak, but he is strong.***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***The Bible tells me so.***

***Jesus loves me, he who died***

***Heaven’s gate to open wide;***

***He will wash away my sin,***

***Let his little child come in.***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***The Bible tells me so.***

***Jesus loves me! He will stay***

***Close beside me all the way;***

***He’s prepared a home for me,***

***And some day his face I’ll see.***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***Yes, Jesus loves me!***

***The Bible tells me so.***