**St. John United Church of Christ**

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

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| June 12, 2022 |  Trinity Sunday (C) |
| Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor | Ritch Alexander, Organist |
| 9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship | 9:30 Sunday School for Children |
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Large print bulletins are available from the Ushers.

***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 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

 John 1:1-5

[Wisdom] cries out:…”The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.” (Proverbs 8:22-23)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

 *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* Holden

CALL TO WORSHIP1 AND PRAYER2

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

***We behold in the splendor of creation***

***your majesty and our responsibility.***

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

 ***We behold in the face of Jesus Christ***

 ***your divinity and our humanity.***

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

 ***We behold in the Spirit of Truth***

 ***your glory and our calling.***

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Bound to you forever,

we will ever praise your name as we pray together:

***God of eternity, God-in-our-history, God-in-our-today, we come to worship you and to celebrate the names in which***

***we have been baptized: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we hear your Word, expand our concept of your mysterious Being, that we may pray with deeper reverence in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*** #136

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

 Adapted from the traditional Apostles’ Creed

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

 ***I believe in God the Father Almighty,***

 ***Maker of heaven and earth:***

 ***And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord;***

 ***who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,***

 ***born of the Virgin Mary,***

 ***suffered under Pontius Pilate,***

 ***was crucified, dead and buried;***

 ***He descended into hell;***

 ***the third day he rose again from the dead;***

 ***he ascended into heaven,***

***and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge***

***the quick and the dead.***

 ***I believe in the Holy Spirit;***

 ***the one Holy Universal Christian Church;***

 ***the communion of saints;***

 ***the forgiveness of sins;***

 ***the resurrection of the body;***

 ***and the life everlasting. Amen.***

SPECIAL MUSIC  *I Don’t Know About Tomorrow*

 Ritch & Nancy Alexander

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 5:1-5 pg. 145

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SUNG RESPONSE ***“Glorify Thy Name”*** #146

GOSPEL LESSON John 16:12-15 pg. 104

SERMON

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“God Has Spoken by the Prophets”*** #667

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.***

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Holy Ghost, with Light Divine* Gottschalk

\*SUNG RESPONSE ***“Worthy of Worship”*** Vs. 1 #137

***Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,***

***worthy of honor and glory;***

***worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,***

***worthy of all of the offerings we bring.***

***You are worthy, Father, Creator.***

***You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.***

***You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;***

***worthy of worship and praise.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

 ***We praise you, O God, with all our heart and all our gifts. As your love is poured into us, we share it with the world. Bless our discipleship as we honor you, and grant us the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth to lead us forward. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”***  #138

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE Traditional ***“Praise God”*** #34

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***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. Amen.***

\*POSTLUDE  *Onward, Christian Soldiers* Sullivan

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Today is Trinity Sunday – not so much a time to explain a complex doctrine as an opportunity to dwell in the mystery of God. Welcome.

The **bulletin** is given in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 19th by Steve & Robin Totten.

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up Monday, please call **Patty Bade** at (618) 610-0350. If you would like to sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at (618) 877-6060. The next available date to sponsor the bulletin is August 14.

Thank you to **Melissa Lane** for serving as liturgist today, to **Becky Kriegel** for greeting today, and to **Ritch & Nancy Alexander** for providing special music.

**THIS WEEK**

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

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

 **RSVPs for Anniversary Dinner Due Today**

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

 ESOS Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

 Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

 Hilltoppers, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9-11 a.m.

Thursday: Free Chair Yoga Class, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday: **Father’s Day**

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

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

 Fellowship by Tenors & Basses

 Dedicate CWS Tools & Blankets Offering

 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

**BLANKETS AND TOOLS OFFERING**

Once again we are supporting the ministry of Church World Service through financial gifts to the Blankets and Tools Offering gathered from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day. Please clearly mark any donations so our counters can properly designate them for Church World Service.

Our gifts do make a difference throughout the world.

\*$250 provides lightweight blankets for five families left homeless by a tornado.

\*$500 provides warm blankets for a small women’s shelter.

\*$750 provides 75 blankets for a homeless street ministry.

\*$1200 provides blankets for an organization doing neighborhood outreach.

\*$2000 provides blankets for beds in a temporary shelter following a hurricane.

**FREE CHAIR YOGA CLASS**

Sarah McGee (Daughter of Denise McGee) is hosting a free chair yoga class on **Thursday, June 16th**. The class will take place in Fellowship Hall at **9:30 a.m.** Yoga mats are not necessary, but you’re free to bring them if you wish, and comfy clothes are a must! If you have questions, please contact Denise McGee at 618-920-5846 after June 11th.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our June Mission of the Month is our very own Vacation Bible School! Please support our return to VBS with cash and donations of supplies! These children are our future congregation! During VBS this year, we will also be asking for donations of new or like new stuffed animals, (or cash to purchase new ones). This will start a project that will be completed in October. Watch for details!

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is back! (We hope...assuming all goes well in the next week...). This year’s VBS theme is Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor. Throughout the week, we will be armoring up with truth, justice, peace, faith and salvation by learning about the strength of Jesus, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, David, Mary, Paul and Silas. Registration forms for VBS participants and volunteers are on the table in the Narthex. Volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated. This year we will need additional volunteers for games.

Please save Pringles cans of all sizes and buttons for crafts. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact Jessie Curran, Carol Relleke, or Kathy Morris.

What: VBS Knights of North Castle

Dates: **Sunday, June 19 – Thursday, June 23**

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Youth Side of the basement

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NURSERY CLEAN UP!!**

Since the sanctuary has been repainted and our upstairs bathrooms updated, we need to make sure the rest of the church is looking just as beautiful!! The Christian Ed / Worship / Fellowship committee is looking for people willing to clean the nursery. The remodel generated some dust that needs to be cleaned, toys need to be sanitized, amongst other things to so that it can be inviting for anyone that might need to use the nursery. We always want to welcome new little ones into our church family. If you would be willing, please get in touch with Shara Young at 618-304-5797 or email shara-young@sbcglobal.net. A specific date/time has not been chosen because those who volunteer might be able to meet during the day.

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**160TH ANNIVERSARY**

This year, we celebrate our 160th anniversary with a weekend full of activities. **On Friday, June 24th**, we begin with our weekend kickoff event at Busch Stadium for a Cardinals vs. Cubs game! Those who have purchased tickets will not only attend the game, but they’ll also see our church’s name and the names of our attendees flash on the big screen while they cheer and wave to fans watching at home. Didn’t buy a ticket? Well, we still have **ONE** available! Please talk to Mike Seibold about purchasing a ticket. **On Saturday, June 25th**, we’ll be hosting an E-Recycle Drive & Paper Shredding event. We’ll be accepting anything with an electrical cord **except** televisions. We’ll have popcorn and hot dogs available for everyone who brings items to recycle. **On Sunday, June 26th**, our worship service will be at **10:00 a.m.** with an anniversary dinner beginning at **11:45 a.m.** While payment is not required to attend, we are requiring reservations. To make a reservation, please fill out the reservation form that is included in this bulletin. **Please submit your reservations no later than June 12, 2022**. We look forward to a wonderful weekend celebrating our church anniversary.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY**

Please pick up a heart or several hearts on the table in the back of the church and sign the name of your ancestors or friends that were members of St. John. It is fine if you want to put a “Joe and Mary So&so” on the same heart. When finished, drop them in the basket on the same table. Thank you for your help. For those on Zoom or anyone who can’t make it to church, contact Connie Ahlers with the names you would like to have included and she will sign the hearts for you. Call 618-910-8962 or email jahlers@charter.net.

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**RUMMAGE SALE**

If sorting & cleaning is in your plans, this will be the perfect time to hold aside items to donate to the all-church rummage sale. The event will be held September 22nd & 23rd this year and items can be brought to the stage in Fellowship Hall between September 6th and September 21st. No large electronics or heavy items please. General rule of thumb: If you would have to pay for it to be recycled, item cannot be accepted. This sale is sponsored by the Evening Guild with assistance appreciated from family and friends. All proceeds are given to church projects or local charitable organizations. Please mark the following important dates on your calendar:

 Tuesday, September 20th – 9:00 a.m. Set up

 Wednesday, September 21st – 9:00 a.m. Pricing

**Thursday, September 22nd – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Open for Shoppers**

**Friday, September 23rd – 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Open for Shoppers**

**SCRIP (GIFT CARD) PROGRAM**

Ordering gift cards through the scrip program is easy. (1) Just complete the “favorites“ order form or give a note to Betty Meszaros. (2) Return the form with your check payable to St. John UCC to Betty or to the church. (3) Plans are to submit orders the third Sunday of each month with delivery the following week.  NOTE:  Order forms and master list of additional vendors are on the table in the narthex. Vendors offer various denominations $10, $25, $50 and rebate different percentages to the church.  Your cost is the face amount of the card – – no tax or service fee. Contact Betty Meszaros 618-670-5267 or Melissa Lane 314-575-7627 for additional information.

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Cedarhurst of Granite City**, 3450 Village Lane, Granite City, IL 62040

 Don Young, #411

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**Cedarhurst of Granite City, Memory Care**, 3432 Village Lane, Granite City, IL 62040

 JoAnn King, #113,

**The Fountains of West County**, 15826 Clayton Rd, Ellisville, MO 63011

Ruth Buer, #215

**Granite Nursing & Rehab**, 3500 Century Dr, Granite City, IL 62040

 Karen Luddeke

**Meridian Village**, 27 Auerbach Pl., Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Mary Lee Krohne, #611 (Call Linda Nitchman for updates)

Leonard Schaefer, #475

**Villas of Holly Brook**, 121 S. Bluff Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234

 Hilde Few, #208

**At Home**

Ritch Alexander, 2243 Cleveland, G.C., IL 62040

Isabella Boyer, 4722 S. Hazel, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Marlene Brokaw, 112 Summit Rdg., Maryville, IL 62062

Myra Cook, 4034 Stearns Ave., G.C., IL 62040

Bonnie Fornaszewski, 200 Carlson Ave., Apt. 17D, Washington, IL 61571

Mary Franz, 3117 Willow Ave., G.C., IL 62040

Luitgard Fries, 4117 Old Alton Rd., G.C., IL 62040

Lou Hasse, 2689 Westmoreland Dr. Unit 2, G.C., IL 62040

Norman Hente, 3708 Joyce St., G.C., IL 62040

Chuck King, 3258 Kilarney Dr., G.C., IL 62040

Bill McAmish, 3320 Colgate Pl., G.C., IL 62040

Sandy Mueller, 308 Warson Ln., G.C., IL 62040

Cliff Robertson, 2336 O’Hare Ave., G.C., IL 62040

Merle Rose, 2447 Waterman Ave., G.C., IL 62040

Marge Schmidt, 4857 Danielle Court, G.C., IL 62040

June Stille, 49 Riviera, G.C., IL 62040

**Illinois South Conference**

New Hanover Zoar UCC, Rev. R.J. (Lisa) Morgan. Retired Pastors, Rev. Robert Tripp, Effingham, IL, Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver, Columbia, IL.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2**through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **3**And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, **4**and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5**and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**John 16:12-15**

**12**“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13**When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14**He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15**All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

***“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!***

***All the saints adore thee,***

***Casting down their golden crowns***

***Around the glassy sea;***

***Cherubim and seraphim***

***Falling down before thee,***

***Which wert and art,***

***And evermore shalt be.***

***Holy, holy, holy!***

***Though the darkness hide thee,***

***Though the eye made blind by sin***

***Thy glory may not see,***

***Only thou art holy;***

***There is none beside thee,***

***Perfect in power,***

***In love and purity.***

***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.***

***“Glorify Thy Name”***

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***Father, we love you,***

***We worship and adore you,***

***Glorify thy name in all the earth;***

***Glorify thy name, glorify thy name***

***Glorify thy name in all the earth.***

***Jesus, we love you,***

***We worship and adore you,***

***Glorify thy name in all the earth;***

***Glorify thy name, glorify thy name***

***Glorify thy name in all the earth.***

***Spirit, we love you,***

***We worship and adore you,***

***Glorify thy name in all the earth;***

***Glorify thy name, glorify thy name***

***Glorify thy name in all the earth.***

***“God Has Spoken by the Prophets”***

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***God has spoken by the prophets,***

***Spoken the unchanging Word,***

***Each from age to age proclaiming***

***God, the one, the righteous Lord!***

***‘Mid the world’s despair and turmoil***

***One firm anchor holding fast:***

***God eternal reigns forever,***

***God the first and God the last.***

***God has spoken by Christ Jesus,***

***Christ, the everlasting Son,***

***Brightness of the Father’s glory,***

***With the Father ever one;***

***Spoken by the Word incarnate,***

***God of God, ere time was born;***

***Light of light, to earth descending,***

***Christ as God in human form.***

***God is speaking by the Spirit,***

***Speaking to our hearts again;***

***In the age-long Word declaring***

***God’s own message, now as then.***

***Through the rise and fall of nations***

***One sure faith yet standing fast:***

***God abides, the Word unchanging,***

***God the first and God the last.***

***“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”***

***Holy God, we praise your name,***

***Lord of all, we bow before you;***

***All on earth your scepter claim,***

***All in heaven above adore you;***

***Infinite your vast domain,***

***Everlasting is your reign.***

***Hark! The loud celestial hymn***

***Angel choirs above are raising;***

***Cherubim and seraphim***

***In unceasing chorus praising,***

***Fill the heavens with sweet accord:***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord.***

***All apostles join the strain***

***As your sacred Name they hallow;***

***Prophets swell the glad refrain,***

***And the white-robed martyrs follow;***

***And from morn to set of sun,***

***Through the Church the song goes on.***

***Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit,***

***Three we name you;***

***While in essence only one,***

***Undivided God we claim you,***

***Then, adoring, bend the knee,***

***While we own the mystery.***



**CELEBRATING 160 YEARS**

*In Christ we live, celebrate, and serve.*

This is the reservation form for the anniversary dinner on **June 26, 2022**. The dinner will begin at 11:45 a.m. and is catered by Jerry’s Cafeteria in Granite City, IL. No payment is required to attend, but reservations are mandatory. Please fill out and return this reservation form to the church office no later than **June 12, 2022**. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 618-877-6060. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_