**St. John United Church of Christ**

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

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| October 2, 2022 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost (C) |
| Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor | Ritch Alexander, Organist |
| 9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship | 9:30 Sunday School for Children |
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**Currently face masks are RECOMMENDED.**

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 PARADE OF GOD’S CHILDREN AND GIFTS

Musical Entry Parade

Introduction and Story

Scripture: Psalm 36:5-7

Unison Prayer of Dedication

***O Perfect Creator of All, we ask your blessing on these wonderful animals meant to offer comfort and joy to children and caregivers. May the soft fur represent your comfort and our compassionate hearts for them. May the many colors offer your rainbow of hope. May the lightness ease the heavy burdens of worry. Wherever these beautiful creatures crawl or fly or gallop, may they take our prayers to those loving them, and be a blessing, given in the name of Jesus, who blessed the children and welcomed them with loving arms. Amen.***

Reading of Poem Note

Song: ***Kum Ba Yah*** (adapted)

***Someone’s crying, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Someone’s crying, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Someone’s crying, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Oh, Lord, Kum ba yah!***

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***Something’s purring, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Something’s yapping, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Something’s chirping, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Oh, Lord, Kum ba yah!***

***Someone’s cuddling, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Someone’s playing, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Someone’s whis’pring, Lord, Kum ba yah,***

***Oh, Lord, Kum ba yah!***

Blessing

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

*In the Cross I Glory* Thornton

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ON WORLD COMMUNION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

God calls us to come and dine this day

with our brothers and sisters around the world.

God's food is good for the body, the mind, and the soul.

It heals and mends; it strengthens and delights.

It makes whole what is broken.

God's food brings joy, love and peace.

God extends a hand to invite all to come and eat.

God's Spirit gives a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline,

So all creation may live in peace and honor God.

Let us pray together.

***We give thanks, O God, for your Spirit’s gifts. We pray that your Spirit increase our faith as we worship together and connect us with our wider church family. Help us remain strong in faith from generation to generation. O God, speak to all your people, and make us not only hearers, but also doers, of your word in all the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“In Christ There Is No East or West”*** #603

\*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The ancient Apostles’ Creed, adapted

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***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.***

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-7 pg. 199

ANTHEM  *Holy Lord, We Glorify Thy Name* Chancel Choir

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1, 6-11 pg. 602

MEDITATION

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“I Come with Joy”*** #706

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE ***“The Lord’s Prayer”*** (One Amen) #740

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY *The Old Rugged Cross* Rodgers

\*RESPONSE ***“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*** #698

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Loving God, as many grains form one loaf, may our many gifts form one mission—to honor and serve you and your people everywhere. Take these gifts of flour and of stuffed creatures and of money as signs of our compassion and***

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***care for your people. Unite us as family with all who share your bread of life everywhere. Amen.***

INVITATION WITH CONFESSION

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today’s sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God’s family. All are invited and all are welcome. Let us pray:

***God of Healing, we come before you***

***broken, yet seeking wholeness;***

***isolated, yet seeking community;***

***overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity;***

***shamed, yet seeking grace.***

***God of Justice, we come before you***

***selfish, yet seeking a generous heart;***

***arrogant, yet seeking humility;***

***responsible for injustice, yet seeking forgiveness.***

***God of Peace, we come before you***

***afraid, yet seeking assurance;***

***agitated, yet seeking serenity;***

***angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart.***

Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to the Table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in faith and commitment.

***God, we surrender ourselves for renewal through you. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.*** ***Amen.***

COMMUNION PRAYER

BREAKING, POURING AND PARTAKING

\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Lord, we thank you for inviting us to your Table. In your name, we have received the bread of life and cup of blessing in unity with the faithful around the earth. As we leave this time together, may we go to press on toward the goal of one loving family, on earth and in heaven, now and forever. Amen.***

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\*HYMN & NOISY OFFERING FOR GOOD SAMARITAN HOUSE

***“O God, Your Constant Care and Love”***  #503

(Ritch will play just the melody line once, and then we’ll sing it so we can learn this beautiful and meaningful song.)

\*BENEDICTION

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

***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  *This Is My Father’s World* Keaton

The psalmist tells us: “From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3, NRSV). So we gather to worship him now. Welcome!

The **bulletin** is given in loving memory of my husband, our parents, family and friends by Rae-Ellen Vogeler.

The **altar vases** are given in loving memory of the September 30th birthday of Wallace Roethemeyer by his family.

The **altar centerpiece** is given in celebration of the wonderful life of our Emily Anne by Mom, Dad, Josh, Acacia, Milo, Charlie, and Desi.

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up after church or on Monday, please call **Beth Ravanelli** at (618) 530-7789. If you would like to sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at (618) 877-6060. The next available dates to sponsor the bulletin is October 30.

Thank you to **Baylee Fischer** for serving as acolyte last week.

Thank you to **Allison Reynolds** for serving as liturgist, to **Conyr Fischer** for serving as acolyte, and thank you to the **Sunday School** for serving as greeters today.

**THIS WEEK**

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

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

Communion & Noisy Offering

World Communion Sunday

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Flour Collection

Animal Dedication

Budget Information Meeting after worship

Begin Neighbors in Need Offering

Confirmation Class, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Monday: Cemetery Clean-Up, 8:30 a.m.

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

Evening Guild, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

ESOS Committee, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9:00 a.m.

Bell Choir, 5:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Cemetery Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Rev. Lisa Guilliams Preaching for TWIGS

Fellowship Hour by Cemetery

Confirmation Class, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our October Mission of the Month is dedicated to the Neighbors in Need offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

**SCRIP**

The next scrip order will be submitted October 16th. Order forms of “favorites” and the master list of vendors are located on the table in the narthex. Give your order form along with your check payable to St. John UCC to Betty Meszaros or mail it to the

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church office. If you do not have an order form, just include a note of what you want to purchase. You can also give Betty a call and she will email the vendor list to you. You can give your order to Betty at any time and it will be held until the third Sunday of October which is the day of our annual sausage dinner. Cards should arrive before Halloween should you want to give to your favorite trick or treater. Many fast food restaurants participate in the program offering a $10 denomination card. Not too early to start thinking about Christmas gift giving. Lowe’s or Home Depot make great gifts to new homeowners. Gordon Food Service or Sam’s are great places to stock up on party supplies. Please note changes in November and December due to holiday schedules. Orders will be submitted the SECOND Sunday of those two months which are 11/13 and 12/11. Contact Melissa Lane 314-575-7627 or Betty Meszaros 618-451-1968 for additional information.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

If you’re interested in helping with cemetery clean up tomorrow, October 3, 2022, please call the cemetery office to let them know. Clean up will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Nameoki Cemetery Garage. We’ll start with Nameoki first and then head over to Maryville.

**JUSTINE WALKER MEMORIAL NUT & CANDY SALE**

It’s that time again to order your Nut and Candy Goodies, from Terri Lynn Nut and Candy. All funds raised will go to support St. John Cemetery. Look for printed brochures in the Narthex and Tower. Please take a brochure home and choose your products. Once you choose your products be sure to fill in your order form, which will be on the last page. Payment at the time of ordering is required. Cash and checks are acceptable. Please make checks payable to St. John Cemetery. If ordering remotely, you can submit orders by:

* Phone to Joan Mueller (618-830-0647)
* Email to [stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com)
* You can either drop off your payment at the church OR mail to Joan Mueller – 4480 New Poag Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Please **DO NOT** use the donate button on the web page as it is not set up for fund raisers. All orders and payments must be

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received **TODAY, Sunday, October 2nd**. Your order will be delivered to you at church late October/early November. We look forward to filling your orders and supporting our cemetery and their vital works. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Joan Mueller (618-830-0647). Thank you!

**SAUSAGE DINNER**

Mark your calendars for APPLESAUCE MAKING DAY on Thursday, Oct. 13th. Let Nancy Jacobs or Donna Brandes know if you plan on coming. If you don’t know until the last minute, just show up about 9:00 a.m. with a paring knife and a bowl!

Advanced sale tickets are available now. Please get a packet from Connie Ahlers or Mike Seibold and try to sell drive-thru dinner tickets prior to Sausage Dinner Day on Oct. 16th. Connie will be in the narthex before worship services and in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

Don’t forget that we will have the Country Store on the Youth side. Donations of baked goods, candy, relishes, jellies, etc. are needed. Gently used jewelry and craft items and nice attic treasures will also be needed to make this a success.

If you haven’t volunteered to work on the day of the dinner yet, please see Nancy Jacobs or Donna Brandes so they can get their workers assigned to various jobs.

*We would greatly appreciate cash donations to help offset the rising costs of the food and supplies needed for the dinner.*

**SHOP WITH A COP**

On December 18th we will be hosting a luncheon in Township Hall which will service over 100 people who participate in the shop with a cop program. We will need volunteers to serve the food! Please contact Mike Seibold (618-792-4301) or the church office to sign up.

**BROTHERHOOD MEAT SALE**

Orders are being accepted for the Fall Meat Sale. The last day to submit a pre-order is **Monday, October 24th**. Order forms are available in this bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. Pickup will be from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on **November 4th and 5th**.

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**OUR PRAYERS**

**Nursing & Assisted Living**

**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**

Chloe Affolter, 577 Newhart Dr., G.C., IL 62040

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

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

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

Christopher Clark, 2223 Lincoln Ave., G.C., IL 62040

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

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**

Carbondale Church of the Good Shepherd UCC, Rev. Kim (Dr. Aaron Newcomb) Magwire. Carlinville St. Paul UCC. Retired Pastors, Rev. Gary and Joyce Kniepkamp, St. Jacob, IL.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**2 Timothy 1:1-7**

**1**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, **2**To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **3**I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. **4**Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. **5**I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. **6**For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, **7**for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

**Isaiah 11:1, 6-11**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. **6**The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. **7**The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **8**The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. **9**They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. **10**On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. **11**On that day the Lord will again raise his hand to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

***“In Christ There Is No East or West”***

***In Christ there is no east or west,***

***In him no south or north,***

***But one great fellowship of love***

***Throughout the whole wide earth.***

***In him shall true hearts everywhere***

***Their high communion find;***

***His service is the golden cord***

***Close binding humankind.***

***Join hands, disciples of the faith,***

***Whate’er your race may be!***

***Who serves my Father as his child***

***Is surely kin to me.***

***In Christ now meet both east and west;***

***In him meet south and north;***

***All Christly souls are one in him***

***Throughout the whole wide earth.***

***“I Come with Joy”***

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***I come with joy, a child of God,***

***Forgiven, loved and free,***

***The life of Jesus to recall,***

***In love laid down for me,***

***In love laid down for me.***

***I come with Christians far and near***

***To find, as all are fed,***

***The new community of love***

***In Christ’s communion bread,***

***In Christ’s communion bread.***

***As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,***

***Each proud division ends.***

***The love that made us, makes us one,***

***And strangers now are friends,***

***And strangers now are friends.***

***The Spirit of the risen Christ,***

***Unseen, but ever near,***

***Is in such friendship better known,***

***Alive among us here,***

***Alive among us here.***

***Together met, together bound***

***By all that God has done,***

***We’ll go with joy, to give the world***

***The love that makes us one,***

***The love that makes us one.***

***“The 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.***

***“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”***

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***Let us talents and tongues employ,***

***Reaching out with a shout of joy:***

***Bread is broken, the wine is poured,***

***Christ is spoken and seen and heard.***

***Jesus lives again,***

***Earth can breathe again,***

***Pass the Word around:***

***Loaves abound!***

***Jesus lives again,***

***Earth can breathe again,***

***Pass the Word around:***

***Loaves abound!***

***Christ is able to make us one,***

***At the table he set the tone,***

***Teaching people to live to bless,***

***Love in word and in deed express.***

***Jesus lives again,***

***Earth can breathe again,***

***Pass the Word around:***

***Loaves abound!***

***Jesus lives again,***

***Earth can breathe again,***

***Pass the Word around:***

***Loaves abound!***

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out***

***Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,***

***Gives us love to tell, bread to share:***

***God (Immanuel) everywhere!***

***Jesus lives again,***

***Earth can breathe again,***

***Pass the Word around:***

***Loaves abound!***

***Jesus lives again,***

***Earth can breathe again,***

***Pass the Word around:***

***Loaves abound!***

***“O God, Your Constant Care and Love”***

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***O God, your constant care and love***

***Are shed upon us from above,***

***Throughout our lives in every stage,***

***From infancy to later age.***

***We thank you, Lord, for dreams of youth,***

***For wisdom leading on to truth,***

***For memories gathered through the years,***

***And faith that grows from joys and tears.***

***All time is yours, O Lord, to give.***

***May we, in all the years we live,***

***Find that each day of life is new,***

***A celebration, Lord, with you.***

***Let not the passing of the years***

***Rob us of joy or cause us fears,***

***And may our faith, O Lord, hold true,***

***That we may always rest in you.***