**St. John United Church of Christ**

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

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| February 6, 2022 |  5th Sunday after Epiphany (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 REQUIRED for all.**

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 Isaiah 6:1-8

Then [Isaiah] heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

(Isaiah 6:8)

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Mason

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER1

Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,

the whole earth is full of God’s glory.

 ***We give you thanks, O God, with all our hearts***

 ***for your steadfast love and faithfulness.***

Your name, O God, is exalted over all things,

and your word goes forth to the ends of the earth.

***When we call to you, O God, you answer,***

***and renew our lives in the midst of trouble.***

You stretch out your hand to deliver us,

and fulfill your purposes through us.

 ***We will sing of the ways of God,***

 ***for great is the glory of God forever.***

Let us pray.

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 ***Come to us, O God, when we are discouraged and afraid. Fill us with the vision of your majesty and the reality of your care. Touch our feelings as well as our understanding, that we may walk by faith as well as by knowledge, and trust in you even when the way before us is not clear. Amen.***

\*HYMN  ***“’Here I Am, Lord”*** #559

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS1

The voice of God shakes the foundations on which we build our lives. Before the majesty of God, we tremble in the knowledge of our own deceits and inadequacy. It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God. We can only kneel to confess our guilt and our need.

***Depart from us, O God, for we are sinful people. Our lips are unclean and the communities in which we dwell are full of evil. We despair that this desolate wasteland is beyond hope, and our confused ways cannot be straightened. Who can save us from ourselves? Do not leave us, O God, but answer us and help us. Amen.***

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. Our guilt is taken away. Our sins are forgiven. Know the purifying touch of burning coals on your lips and in your lives. Amen.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Things Work Together*  Mixed Ensemble

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 5:1-11

REFLECTION

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“Worthy of Worship”*** #137

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SUNG LORD’S PRAYER

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

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OFFERTORY *Near the Cross* Doane

 \*\*RESPONSE ***“Spirit of the Living God”*** Vs. 2 #492 ***Spirit of the living God, move among us all;***

***make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing.***

 ***Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.***

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION1

 ***May our offerings provide places where the voice of Jesus may be heard. May they empower those who let down the nets at Christ’s command to bring others into discipleship. Send us and our gifts on your mission, O God, and equip us by your grace to make a difference as apostles of your good news. Amen.***

INVITATION1 All confessing Christians are invited to partake.

“Holy are you, O God of hosts,

far greater than our proudest boasts.

 ***You live in majesty untold,***

 ***earth cannot all your glory hold.***

Foundations shake when you are heard,

sins are exposed before your word.

 ***People with unclean lips cry out,***

 ***reaching for truth beyond their doubt.***

Cleansing forgiveness touches us,

saving from sin so perilous.

 ***All of our guilt is washed away,***

 ***and we prepare for your new day.”***1

We prepare our hearts for God’s new day, and strengthen our hands for service, through this Holy Sacrament of Jesus’ love and power. Everyone who responds to God’s call is blessed by the Spirit, and inspired for discipleship, as Jesus invites us to commune together.

COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING AND PARTAKING

 Congregation will be told when to open each element.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 ***Gracious God, we give thanks for the gifts of this Holy Meal, and for your call to be renewed for service. Surprise us, O Lord, with visions of your kingdom on earth, just as you want it to be, and send us to make them reality. Amen.***

\*HYMN & NOISY OFFERING  ***“Be Thou My Vision”***  #502

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  *In My Heart There Rings a Melody* Roth

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Jesus calls us to follow him. We start by hearing his teachings and being strengthened through Holy Communion. So we are here. Welcome, one and all.

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up Monday, please call **Rosalie Watson** at (618) 741-2979. If you would like to sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at 877-6060. The next available dates to sponsor bulletins are February 27 and March 27.

Thank you to **Mike Seibold** for serving as liturgist today.

**THIS WEEK**

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

 Communion & Noisy Offering

Tuesday: Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

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

 Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

GCC Band Rehearsal, 6:15-9:30 p.m.

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

 Souper Bowl of Caring

**JUST A REMINDER**

Please be extra thoughtful about caring for others when participating in church activities. Properly worn masks are necessary, as well as social distancing. Staying home when feeling ill protects others from not only Covid, but from all the seasonal illnesses. Let’s get through this riskier

time together, and prepare to celebrate both the building upgrades and our church anniversary with joy.

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our February Mission of the Month is designated for our next food box giveaway. With the success of our first giveaway on January 22, 2022, we are excited to provide for our community once again. More details for the giveaway will be made available at a later date.

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

While the educational building and the youth side basement undergo asbestos abatement, the church office will be closed to the public. **Do not drop offerings in the mail slot.** The abatement will take place in the hallway right inside the door, so mail cannot be delivered through that slot. Drop offs may be taken to the parsonage back door and put between the storm door and inside door.

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Nursing & Assisted Living**

Ruth Buer, Bobbie Braden (at Anderson Rehab) Hilde Few, Carol Hildebrand, JoAnn King, and Mary Lee Krohne.

**Hospital**

John Miller is at St. Luke’s Hospital, (Cards may be sent to 730 Henry Ave., Ballwin MO 63011). Karen Luddeke is at Anderson Hospital. Charlie Sullivan is at VA Hospital.

**At Home**

Ritch Alexander, Isabella Boyer, Marlene Brokaw, Myra Cook, Bonnie Fornaszewski, Mary Franz, Luitgard Fries, Lou Hasse, Norman Hente, Louise Koester, Gayle Lindsay, Bill McAmish, Sandy Mueller, David Oliver Jr., Cliff Robertson, Merle Rose, Marge Schmidt, June Stille, Trish Stromlund, Janice Weeks, and Don Young.

**Illinois South Conference**

Edwardsville St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dana Schindler. Evansville St. John UCC, Pastor Kevin Hirsch. Retired Pastor, Rev. Charles Preston and Rev. Karla Frost, Granite City, IL.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2**Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3**And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  the whole earth is full of his glory.”**4**At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. **5**“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

**6**Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7**With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” **8**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

**Luke 5:1-11**

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2**He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3**He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

**4**When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” **5**Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” **6**When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7**So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. **8**When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” **9**For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10**and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” **11**So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving is a wonderful, convenient method for you to stay on top of offerings, especially while the building undergoes asbestos abatement and painting.

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2. Click the “Donate” button in the upper right-hand corner (if you’re on a mobile phone, you’ll click the three bars for the dropdown menu and then click “Donate”). You will be redirected to Vanco’s secure site.
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***“Worthy of Worship”***

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***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.***

***Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear,***

***Worthy of love and devotion;***

***Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,***

***Worthy of all this and added to these –***

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

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

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

***Worthy of worship and praise***

***Almighty Father, Master and Lord,***

***King of all kings and Redeemer,***

***Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,***

***Savior, and source of our life without end.***

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

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

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

***Worthy of worship and praise.***

***“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.***

***“Be Thou My Vision”***

***Be thou my Vision,***

***O Lord of my heart;***

***Naught be all else to me,***

***Save that thou art –***

***Thou my best thought,***

***By day or by night,***

***Waking or sleeping,***

***Thy presence my light.***

***Be thou my Wisdom,***

***And thou my true Word,***

***I ever with thee***

***And thou with me, Lord;***

***Thou and thou only,***

***First in my heart,***

***High King of heaven,***

***My Treasure thou art.***

***High King of heaven,***

***My victory won,***

***May I reach heaven’s joys,***

***O bright heaven’s Sun!***

***Heart of my own heart,***

***Whatever befall,***

***Still be my Vision,***

***O Ruler of all.***