**St. John United Church of Christ**

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

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| May 22, 2022 |  Sixth Sunday of Easter(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 STORY FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb…

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

 *“Sing Praise to God”* Edward Broughton, Arr.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Jesus said, “Those who love me will keep my word…”

***We have come to hear God’s word,***

And to sing God’s praise,

 ***And to be filled with the Spirit.***

We have come to join with the saints past and present in the joy of worship,

 ***And to welcome everyone to share the life of faith.***

Let us pray:

 ***Spirit of Hope and Healing, open our hearts to eagerly receive your inspiration and blessing. When our days are troubled, and worries overwhelm, grant us your peace. When we search for meaning in life, guide us to renewed faith. When the call to service is challenging, motivate our eager response with your love. May our belief and trust in you be our strength, now and forever. Amen.***

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\*HYMN  ***“Shall We Gather at the River”*** #522

\*RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

***That your way may be known upon the earth,***

***your saving power among all nations.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

***Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,***

***for you judge the peoples with equity***

***and guide the nations upon earth.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

***The earth has yielded its increase;***

***God, our God, has blessed us.***

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:9-15 pg. 127

SUNG RESPONSE  ***“Take My Life and Let It Be”***

 Vss. 1, 2 & 4 #466

***Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;***

***take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.***

***Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.***

***Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,***

***ever, only, all for thee.***

ANTHEM *Ring!* Glockenspiel

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-29 pg. 103

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*** #473

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 *“We Gather Together”* Franklin Ritter, Arr.

\*SUNG RESPONSE ***“Amazing Grace”*** Vss. 3 & 4 #422

***The Lord has promised good to me,***

***his word my hope secures;***

***He will my shield and portion be***

***as long as life endures.***

***Through many dangers, toils and snares***

***I have already come;***

***‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far,***

***and grace will lead me home.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

 ***With absolute trust in your goodness and grace, O God, we offer our gifts for blessing. Breathe your Spirit into them, so that they may help ease troubles and bring peace into the world, in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”***  #711

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Lani Smith, Arr.

On the sabbath, Paul and his companions worshiped with Lydia and the other women (Acts 16: 13-14). May God open our hearts today as he did theirs.

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

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sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at (618) 877-6060. The next available date to sponsor the bulletin is July 17.

Thank you to **Jessica Curran** for serving as liturgist today. Thank you to **Bob & Nancy Jacobs** for greeting today. Thank you to **Chris McMillan** for serving as guest organist.

**THIS WEEK**

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

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

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

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

 Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9-11 a.m.

 Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday:Church Women United, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

 5th Sunday Cash Plate for Hoyleton

 Game Night, 6-8 p.m.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our May Mission of the Month is dedicated to the Wounded Warriors Project. The WWP mission is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors who incurred a physical or mental injury, illnesses, or wound, co-incident to military service on or after September 11, 2001.

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

**BLANKETS AND TOOLS OFFERING**

Once again 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 5 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.

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**GRADUATES**

Please email, mail, or call the office with information about our graduates to put in the June Herald. (Name, School, Future Plans, etc.)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Pentecost Sunday is June 5 this year, since it is always 50 days after Easter. Plan ahead to wear red that day and come to be filled with the Spirit of astounding discipleship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is back! (We hope...assuming all goes well in the next few weeks...). 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 empty pringle cans of all sizes 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

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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.

**WANTED: VOLUNTEERS WHO KNIT OR CROCHET**

The 160th Anniversary Committee needs volunteers to knit or crochet a simple project for our upcoming 160th celebration. Contact Connie Ahlers for details. 618-910-8962 or jahlers@charter.net.

**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 **FOUR** 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.

**ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS**

Would you like to order a shirt commemorating our church’s 160th anniversary? Here are the options you can choose from!

T-shirt with logo (logo will have St. John United Church of Christ)

T-shirt with logo & 160th anniversary (Logo will have St. John UCC & 160th anniversary both)

Golf shirt with logo (logo same as t-shirt)

Golf shirt with logo & 160th anniversary (logo same as t-shirt)

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All shirts will be embroidered. Most shirts are 50% cotton/50% polyester and plus sizes are available. We will have a variety of colors to choose from, however the exact options were not available at the time this bulletin was printed. If you would like to order a shirt, please see Christie Roth **today, May 22nd or next Sunday, May 29th** to place your order. Sample shirts will be available on the 29th so you can feel the material and see what certain colors look like. Orders can also be placed online! Online ordering should be available either May 23rd or the 24th. Once it is available, an email will be sent with the link and any additional info that you might need. It will also be posted on the church website. Payment is due at the time of ordering. We are ordering the shirts from Shirts Galore on Pontoon Rd. in Pontoon Beach. **The deadline to order shirts is Friday, June 3rd.** To receive your order, you may either pick up directly from Shirts Galore, have it sent to your home (there will be a shipping fee) or pick it up at church. Shirts will be at the church for pick up the week of June 20th. If you have any questions, please call Christie Roth at 618-931-6194.



**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

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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**

**Nursing & Assisted Living**

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

 Don Young, #411

**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, #516

**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

Gayle Lindsay, 431 Arlington 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

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**Illinois South Conference**

Moro St. John’s of Midway, Rev. Lori (Wayne) Schafer and Rev. Nancy Brooks, Sabbatical Pastor. SIH Cancer Institute & Trauma Center, Rev. Barbara Patten. Retired Pastor, Rev. Dr. Richard and Johann Ellerbrake, Lebanon, IL.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Acts 16:9-15**

**9**During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10**When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. **11**We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, **12**and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. **13**On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. **14**A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. **15**When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us

**John 14:23-29**

**23**Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24**Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

**25**“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. **26**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. **28**You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. **29**And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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**CALL FOR INFORMATION**

Bell Choir – Talk to Kathy Morris, 618-210-6095

Cemetery - Talk to Kathy Montgomery, 618-876-5811

Chancel Choir – Talk to Ritch Alexander, 618-451-5092

Council – Talk to Caslyn Brandes, President, 618-802-1152

Kiki Cochran, Vice President, 618-797-2511

Evening Guild – Talk to Christie Roth, 618-931-6194

Financial Reports – Talk to Mike Seibold, Treasurer, 618-792-4301

Angela Potter, 618-877-6060 church office

Heavenly Stars – Talk to Betty Meszaros, 618-451-1968

Karen Gaines, 618-288-0845

Herald – Talk to Angela Potter 618-877-6060 church office

Hilltoppers – Talk to Dee Roethemeyer, 618-876-6860

Historian – Talk to Sandy Dawson, 618-931-3467

Men’s Brotherhood – Talk to Chuck Hasse, 618-876-0936,

Dave Douglas, 618-452-3336

Quilters – Talk to Sandy Dawson 618-931-3467

Doris Peterson 618-877-1606

Sausage Dinner – Talk to Donna Brandes, 618-802-1072

Nancy Jacobs, 618-931-0673

Scrip Orders – Talk to Melissa Lane, 314-575-7627 or Betty Meszaros 618-451-1968

Sunday School – Talk to Donna Brandes, 618-802-1072

Youth Fellowship – Talk to Sharon O’Toole, 618-797-1802

***“Shall We Gather at the River”***

***Shall we gather at the river,***

***Where bright angel feet have trod,***

***With its crystal tide forever***

***Flowing by the throne of God?***

***Yes, we’ll gather at the river,***

***The beautiful, the beautiful river;***

***Gather with the saints at the river***

***That flows by the throne of God.***

***Ere we reach the shining river,***

***Lay we every burden down;***

***Grace our spirits will deliver,***

***And provide a robe and crown.***

***Yes, we’ll gather at the river,***

***The beautiful, the beautiful river;***

***Gather with the saints at the river***

***That flows by the throne of God.***

***Soon we’ll reach the shining river,***

***Soon our pilgrimage will cease;***

***Soon our happy hearts will quiver***

***With the melody of peace.***

***Yes, we’ll gather at the river,***

***The beautiful, the beautiful river;***

***Gather with the saints at the river***

***That flows by the throne of God.***

***“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”***

***What a friend we have in Jesus,***

***All our sins and griefs to bear!***

***What a privilege to carry***

***Everything to God in prayer!***

***O what peace we often forfeit,***

***O what needless pain we bear,***

***All because we do not carry***

***Everything to God in prayer!***

***Have we trials and temptations?***

***Is there trouble anywhere?***

***We should never be discouraged;***

***Take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***Can we find a friend so faithful***

***Who will all our sorrows share?***

***Jesus knows our every weakness;***

***Take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***Are we weak and heavy laden,***

***Cumbered with a load of care?***

***Precious Savior, still our refuge –***

***Take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***Do your friends despise, forsake you?***

***Take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***In his arms he’ll take and shield you;***

***You will find a solace there.***

***“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”***

***Savior, again to your dear name we raise***

***With one accord our parting hymn of praise;***

***We give you thanks before our worship cease,***

***And now departing, wait your word of peace.***

***Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;***

***With you began, with you shall end the day;***

***Guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,***

***That in this house have called upon your name.***

***Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;***

***Turn all our darkness to your perfect light;***

***Then, while we sleep, our hope and strength renew,***

***For dark and light are both alike to you.***

***Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life:***

***Comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife;***

***Then, when your voice shall make our conflict cease,***

***Call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.***



**CELEBRATING 160 YEARS**

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

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

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



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