**St. John United Church of Christ**

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

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| June 19, 2022 |  2nd 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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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 Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. (Psalm 42:1-2a)

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

 *Unto Thee, O Lord* Aulbach

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER1

When forces in the world threaten us,

***When our bodies or spirits turn against us,***

There is One who seeks us.

 ***One who meets us.***

One who heals us,

 ***One whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.***

Come, let us pray together as the family of faith:

***Almighty God, ruler of all things seen and unseen; through your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you show your power and mercy. You cast out evil, tear down walls of division, comfort and challenge your people, and show signs of your kingdom coming into the world. Grant that we may lift up the discouraged, strengthen the doubting, and join with all who seek to thank you for your***

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***goodness. Glory be to you, O God, who, with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Son, together is worshiped and praised; One God forever. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*** #111

\*LITANY Psalm 42

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

***My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”***

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

***Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.***

My soul is cast down within me; therefore, I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

***By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.***

I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?” As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

***Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted with me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.***

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 19:1-15a pg. 311

SPECIAL MUSIC*Go Rest High on that Mountain* Linda Mizell

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 8:26-39 pg. 63

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“Be Still, My Soul”*** #451

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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Marsh

\*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

 OFFERING AND CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

 ***The offerings we bring, O God, are intended to both honor you and serve your people. May they bring healing and hope to those who suffer, and especially through blankets and tools, bring the means for improving life. Bless all our gifts with the constant presence and power of your Spirit, as we grow in faith and discipleship, in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“Faith of Our Fathers”***  #530

\*BENEDICTION

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

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

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

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

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

\*POSTLUDE  *Voluntary in D* Purcell

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Welcome to worship this second Sunday after Pentecost. And a happy Father’s Day to all father-figures!

The **bulletin** is given in loving memory of their father, Alvin Henry Willaredt by Stephen Willaredt & Family.

The **altar centerpiece** is given in loving memory of her father Joseph Holtzscher by Jack and Sandy Dawson.

The **altar vases** are given in loving memory of Marty Wright by Kara, Aaron, Christine, Genevieve and Drew Wright.

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, to **Dorothy Kinney** for greeting, and to **Linda Mizell** for providing special music.

**THIS WEEK**

Today: **Father’s Day**

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

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

 Fellowship by Tenors & Basses

 Dedicate CWS Tools & Blankets Offering

 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.

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

 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday: **Herald Deadline**

 Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

 Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9-11 a.m.

 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.

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

 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m.

Friday: **Cardinals vs. Cubs Game, 7:15**

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Saturday: **E-Recycle & Paper Shredding, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Next Sunday: **160th Anniversary**

 In-person and Zoom Worship, 10:00 a.m.

 Sunday School for Children, 10:00 a.m.

 Anniversary Dinner, 11:45 a.m.

 Game Night, 6-8 p.m.

**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!

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

**BLANKETS AND TOOLS OFFERING**

Today, we dedicate the Blankets & Tools offering. Please clearly mark any donations so our counters can properly designate them for Church World Service.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is back and starts **tonight!** 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. Didn’t pre-register? No problem, you’re still welcome to join!

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

**HATFIELD-GAINES SCHOLARSHIP**

Just a reminder that the deadline to apply for the Hatfield-Gaines Scholarship is July 1st. Applications are available on the table in the Narthex and should be turned in to the church office.

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**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.

**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. If you’ve purchased a ticket for the game, see Mike Seibold **today** to pick them up, or pick them up in the church office **tomorrow**. 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.** Thanks to everyone who sent in their RSVP for the dinner. We look forward to a great celebration of our church.

**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 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**

Orders appreciated TODAY for scrip (gift cards).  Please talk to Betty Meszaros in Fellowship Hall today after worship for details. She will accept your check payable to St. John UCC or cash and order cards to be delivered next Sunday.  Forget to buy a Father’s Day gift for a special fellow? We‘ve got you covered!  Cash and carry~~one $25 Walmart, four $10 Jack-In-The-Box, one $20 Little Caesar’s~~see Betty to purchase.

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Nursing & Assisted Living**

Ruth Buer, Hilde Few, JoAnn King, Mary Lee Krohne, Karen Luddeke, Leonard Schaefer, and Don Young.

**Hospital**

Butch McGee is at Gateway Regional Medical Center.

**At Home**

Ritch Alexander, Isabella Boyer, Marlene Brokaw, Myra Cook, Bonnie Fornaszewski, Mary Franz, Luitgard Fries, Lou Hasse, Norman Hente, Chuck King, Bill McAmish, Sandy Mueller, Cliff Robertson, Merle Rose, Marge Schmidt, and June Stille.

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**Illinois South Conference**

O’Fallon UCC, Rev. Dr. Martha Thierheimer. Ohlman St. Paul’s UCC, Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance. Retired Pastor, Rev. Linda and Bob Coulson, Palm Coast, FL.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1 Kings 19:1-15a**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2**Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” **3**Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. **4**But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”

**5**Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” **6**He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. **7**The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” **8**He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9**At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **10**He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” **11**He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, **12**and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. **13**When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **14**He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” **15**Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

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**Luke 8:26-39**

**26**Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. **27**As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. **28**When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” **29**for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) **30**Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. **31**They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

**32**Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. **33**Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. **34**When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. **35**Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. **36**Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. **37**Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. **38**The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, **39**“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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***“When Morning Gilds the Skies”***

***When morning gilds the skies,***

***My heart awaking cries,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Alike at work and prayer***

***To Jesus I repair,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Does sadness fill my mind?***

***A solace here I find,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Or fades my earthly bliss?***

***My comfort still is this,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***The night becomes as day,***

***When from the heart we say,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***The powers of darkness fear***

***When this sweet chant they hear,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this, while life is mine,***

***My canticle divine,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this th’eternal song***

***Through all the ages long,***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***“Be Still, My Soul”***

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***Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!***

***Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;***

***Leave to your God to order and provide –***

***In every change he faithful will remain.***

***Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend***

***Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.***

***Be still, my soul: your God will undertake***

***To guide the future as he has the past;***

***Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake –***

***All now mysterious shall be bright at last.***

***Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know***

***His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.***

***Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on***

***When we shall be forever with the Lord,***

***When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,***

***Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.***

***Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,***

***All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.***

***“Faith of Our Fathers”***

***Faith of our fathers, living still***

***In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.***

***O how our hearts beat high with joy***

***Whene’er we hear that glorious Word!***

***Faith of our fathers, holy faith,***

***We will be true to you till death.***

***Faith of our mothers, we will love***

***Both friend and foe in all our strife,***

***And preach it, too, as love knows how,***

***By kindly words and virtuous life!***

***Faith of our mothers, holy faith,***

***We will be true to you till death.***

***Faith of the martyrs who, though bound,***

***Were still in heart and conscience true.***

***How blest would be their children’s fate,***

***If they, like them, should live for you!***

***Faith of the martyrs, holy faith,***

***We will be true to you till death.***