**St. John United Church of Christ**

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

***160th Anniversary & Dedication***

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| June 26, 2022 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (C) |
| Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor | Ritch Alexander, Organist |
| 10:00 Worship | 10:00 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

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

***“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*** #136

A STORY FROM GOD’S CHILDREN

Sunday School Song: *“We Are the Church”*

Vacation Bible School Songs

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

*Toccata on “Old Hundredth”* Young

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYERPsalms 122:1, 127:1, 133:1, 134:1-2, 135:1-2, 13, 136:1, 145:4, 146:2, 148:13

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

***Unless the Lord builds the house,***

***those who build it labor in vain.***

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord…

Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

***How very good and pleasant it is***

***when kindred live together in unity!***

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord;

give praise, O servants of the Lord,

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you that stand in the house of the Lord,

in the courts of the house of our God.

***Your name, O Lord, endures forever,***

***your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.***

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

***One generation shall laud your works to another,***

***and shall declare your mighty acts.***

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

***Let [us] praise the name of the Lord,***

***for his name alone is exalted;***

***his glory is above earth and heaven.***

Let us pray together:

***With joy we come to worship you, O God, joining with the saints of the past in praising you. We come with gratitude for those before us, and hopes for those yet to come, as together we honor you. We come, open to your Spirit inspiring our discipleship, believing you are with us always. Bless your church in this place, O God, and send us to your world to offer peace and life, in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***  #71

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH United Church of Christ

Doxology of Faith

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

***We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,***

***God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,***

***and to your deeds we testify:***

***You call the worlds into being,***

***create persons in your own image,***

***and set before each one the ways of life and death.***

***You seek in holy love to save all people***

***from aimlessness and sin.***

***You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.***

***In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,***

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***our crucified and risen Savior,***

***you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death***

***and reconciling the world to yourself.***

***You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,***

***creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,***

***binding in covenant faithful people***

***of all ages, tongues, and races.***

***You call us into your church***

***to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,***

***to be your servants in the service of others,***

***to proclaim the gospel to all the world***

***and resist the powers of evil,***

***to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,***

***to join him in his passion and victory.***

***You promise to all who trust you***

***forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,***

***courage in the struggle for justice and peace,***

***your presence in trial and rejoicing,***

***and eternal life in your realm which has no end.***

***Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.***

***Amen.***

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 28:16-22 pg. 24

ANTHEM ***“Family of Faith”*** Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Ephesians 3:14-21 pg. 182

John 15:4-5 pg. 103

MEDITATION WITH HISTORY AND VISION

Greetings from the Illinois South Conference UCC

Greetings from Rev. Allen & Lynn Reiter

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“Rejoice in God’s Saints”*** #531

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***

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***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.***

**WE RE-DEDICATE THE BUILDINGS WITH GRATITUDE**

(Bulletin Insert)

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*  Amenz

\*SUNG RESPONSE ***“For the Life That You Have Given”*** #684

***For the life that you have given,***

***for the love in Christ made known,***

***with these fruits of time and labor,***

***with these gifts that are your own:***

***here we offer, Lord, our praises;***

***heart and mind and strength we bring;***

***give us grace to love and serve you,***

***living what we pray and sing.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***The gifts of many hands and hearts have lifted your church and mission in this place for 160 years, O Lord. Today we dedicate our gifts to living the Gospel as a family of faith, united with our ancestors and the generations to come. Thank you for inspiring our discipleship as we “live, celebrate and serve” in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

\*HYMN***“Here I Am, Lord”***  #559

\*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  *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Traditional

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As we gather for worship, I welcome you – and please turn and welcome one another – in the name of Jesus Christ.

The **bulletin** is given in loving memory of my niece, Stacy, by Glenda Mitchell.

The **altar vases** are given in honor of the 160th anniversary of our church by Altar Guild members past and present. The **altar centerpiece** is given in loving memory of Leon Stromlund by his wife, Trish.

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 **Connie Ahlers** for serving as liturgist and to **Justin Gibson** for greeting today.

**THIS WEEK**

Today: **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.

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

Tuesday: **Election Day**

Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9-11 a.m.

Thursday: Building & Grounds Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Friday: **Hatfield-Gaines Scholarship Applications Due**

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

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

Communion & Noisy Offering

**EVENING GUILD**

There will be no Evening Guild meetings in July or August.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

A rose has been placed on the altar for Asher Greyson Kriegel-Douglas who was born June 16, 2022. He is the son of Will

Kriegel & Cera Douglas and the grandson of Roger & Becky Kreigel and Bart & Pattie Douglas.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our June Mission of the Month is our very own Vacation Bible School! We had a wonderful, energetic 5 nights of faith building. During VBS this year, we asked 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!

**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.

**JULY 4TH**

Remember that the 4th of July fireworks are fairly visible from our church parking lot, although we aren’t sure this year to the new location, but come and join us if you don’t want to be in the midst of the bigger crowds. Donations of non-chocolate individually wrapped candy are needed. These treats will be available after 8:30 p.m., to offer our hospitality to visitors. We need more volunteers to help distribute them this year, so please volunteer to Karen Gaines or Pastor Karla.

**SECOND ANNUAL FALL MUM SALE**

In July, we will be selling mums again. Order forms will be available in the July edition of the Herald and are currently available for download on the church website. Forms are due Sunday, July 31st and should be given to Mike Seibold. The mums are perennials, thus will grow the following year. Of course, how they are planted or left in the original container can determine if they come back the following year. Weather

conditions are also a factor in growth. Mums will be delivered in mid-September; a specific date will be given at a later time. Profits from this sale will be used for evangelism projects, remodeling the Sunday School classrooms, and general fund

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expenses. We sold 475 mums last year, so let’s see if we can meet or beat that number this year.

**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 too 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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**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**

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**SCRIP (GIFT CARD) PROGRAM**

Appreciation to those who continue to support the scrip program. Thousands of dollars have been raised throughout the years for

the general fund. Orders are currently submitted the third Sunday of each month with delivery scheduled for the following week. Purchase of gift cards for personal use, gifts or to donate is so easy. Please talk with Melissa Lane or Betty Meszaros for details.

**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, #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

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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**

Okawville St. Paul UCC. Okawville St. Peter’s UCC, Rev. Jeffrey (Sara) Schwab. Retired Pastor, Rev. Earl and Johanna Crecelius, Freeburg, IL.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Genesis 28:16-22**

**16**Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” **17**And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” **18**So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. **19**He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. **20**Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, **21**so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, **22**and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

**14**For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **15**from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. **16**I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit **17**and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. **18**I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth **19**and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **20**Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, **21**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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**John 15:4-5**

**4**Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless

you abide in me. **5**I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

**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

Betty Meszaros 618-451-1968

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

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

**Through the Generosity of the Moritz Family**

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| Moritz house expenses to sell in 2017/18 | 2,220 |
| Replacement of Sanctuary AC in 2017 | 50,834 |
| Mold removal in Ed. Bldg. in 2018 | 9,670 |
| Supplement to General Fund in 9/2018 | 7,000 |
| Replacement doors in 9/2018 | 1,170 |
| Replaced Ed. Bldg. roof in 10/2018 | 30,180 |
| Running cable to Sanctuary for Zoom in 10/2019 | 1,890 |
| HVAC expenses in FY 2018/19 | 7,492 |
| Cemetery garage door repairs/breaker box/cable | 2,508 |
| Replaced Sanctuary roof | 37,561 |
| Funds transferred to Meyer Fund to repay earlier  supplement to General Fund in 3/2020 | 10,000 |
| Cleaning, tuckpointing & sealing exterior of  Sanctuary, Tower, and Ed. Bldg. in 11/2020 | 106,860 |
| Security cameras for cemetery & church in 11/2020 | 18,991 |
| Removed 2 trees in front of church in 11/2020 | 500 |
| Replaced 2 windows at cemetery in 11/2020 | 760 |
| Replaced Sanctuary boiler in 2/2021 | 39,345 |
| Replaced cemetery garage furnace | 3,280 |
| Replaced a Fellowship Hall window | 1,687 |
| Replaced Fellowship Hall hot water heater | 1,220 |
| Replaced HVAC system in Ed. Bldg. | 94,946 |
| Sanctuary sound system partial payment in 5/2021 | 10,000 |
| Painting of Sanctuary, bell tower, stairwells in Ed.  Bldg. and church – partial payment with balance  taken from Meyer Fund | 56,041 |
| TOTAL | $494,155 |

**Through the Generosity of the**

**Charles & Rosemary Meyer Fund**

Balance for Painting of Sanctuary, etc. 27,125

Renovation of Ed. Bldg. restrooms including removing asbestos in walls, floors, pipelines and hallway floor; monitoring asbestos

removal; new restroom fixtures, partitions, hot water units, painting, flooring, sewer pipes to restrooms, and electrical

updates as needed; hallway flooring 61,566

TOTAL $88,691

**Through the Christian Ed. Endowment Fund**

Ed. Bldg. restroom renovations 20,000

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St. John United Church of Christ

Re-Dedication of the Buildings and Grounds

June 26, 2022

GRATITUDE FOR BENEFACTORS WHOSE GIFTS MADE THESE PROJECTS POSSIBLE

Charles Moritz and Betty Ann Moritz

Charles and Rosemary Meyer

Christian Education Endowment Fund

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GRATITUDE FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS WHO LABORED ON THESE PROJECTS

Everyone who helped determine which projects to tackle,

met with companies and bidders for the projects, prepared the areas to be worked on, supervised workers, set-up alternative spaces, painted walls and ceilings in smaller areas, returned items that were moved, and did the essential tasks associated with these projects, **PLEASE STAND**.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GRATITUDE FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Sanctuary cross in memory of Christy Dawson.

Outdoor bench in memory of Otis and Lois Hollenbeck

Sacristy renovations from undesignated memorial gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LITANY OF DEDICATION1

We lift our hands and hearts to you, O God, in thanksgiving for all the gifts of your creation: For those who have seen visions and dreamed dreams of how these buildings and grounds will enable your mission to be accomplished here, and for those who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to make it possible,

***We thank you, O God.***

For the materials of the earth that have provided for the fashioning of this church and for the skills and crafts with which you have endowed those who have been the designers and builders and crafts and trades people,

***We thank you, O God.***

For the saints whose faithful generosity and dedication to your church we celebrate and remember, and for all the saints by whom we now are surrounded as a great cloud of witnesses,

***We thank you, O God.***

O God, the Source of every blessing, we now give this property to you, for your ministry and mission in this place, and for all who will be touched by the witness of this community of faith—through Word and Sacrament, Gospel hospitality and Christian formation, compassionate caring and reconciling love.

***Bless us and consecrate St. John United Church of Christ that it may be sanctified by you and sacred to us, to your glory and for building up the body of Christ. Amen.***

HYMN ***“They Did Not Build in Vain”*** Vss. 1, 2 & 3 #542

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St. John

United Church of Christ

Founded June 28, 1862

Motto

In Christ we live,

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Mission statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

living our faith in Jesus Christ, & celebrating the promises of God,

we welcome all to unite in

loving and serving God

***“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.***

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!***

***O my soul, praise him,***

***For he is your health and salvation!***

***Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,***

***Join me in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;***

***Sheltering you under his wings,***

***And so gently sustaining!***

***Have you not seen all that is needful has been***

***Sent by his gracious ordaining?***

***Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:***

***Surely his goodness and mercy***

***Shall daily attend you.***

***Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,***

***If with his love he befriends you.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!***

***All that has life and breath,***

***Come now with praises before him.***

***Let the Amen sound from his people again;***

***Gladly forever adore him.***

***“Rejoice in God’s Saints”***

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***Rejoice in God’s saints,***

***Today and all days;***

***A world without saints***

***Forgets how to praise.***

***Their faith in acquiring***

***The habit of prayer,***

***Their depth of adoring,***

***Lord, help us to share.***

***Some march with events***

***To turn them God’s way;***

***Some need to withdraw,***

***The better to pray;***

***Some carry the gospel***

***Through fire and through flood:***

***Our world is their parish;***

***Their purpose is God.***

***Rejoice in those saints,***

***Unpraised and unknown,***

***Who bear someone’s cross***

***Or shoulder their own;***

***They shame our complaining,***

***Our comforts, our cares:***

***What patience in caring,***

***What courage, is theirs!***

***Rejoice in God’s saints,***

***Today and all days;***

***A world without saints***

***Forgets how to praise.***

***In loving, in living,***

***They prove it is true:***

***The way of self-giving,***

***Lord, leads us to you.***

***“They Did Not Build in Vain”***

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***They did not build in vain***

***Who founded here a church***

***As witness to God’s love***

***Amid a world of pain,***

***For still, to those who wish to see,***

***This place proclaims God’s mystery.***

***They build upon the rock***

***That is the risen Lord,***

***The one foundation laid***

***Which stands on early shock;***

***That, Spirit filled, we here might raise,***

***As living temples, prayer and praise.***

***Those who have loved this place,***

***A cloud of witnesses,***

***Surround and urge us on***

***As we now run our race,***

***And so we lay aside each sin***

***In our desire to strive and win.***

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