

St. John United Church of Christ
“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”

June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday (C)

Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor

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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 AND BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH A SMILE AND WAVE

*RESPONSE¹

“Glorify Thy Name”

#146

(1) Father, we love you,

we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth;

glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

(2) Jesus, we love you...

(3) Spirit, we love you...

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babies and infants you have founded a bulwark...(Vss. 1-2)

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

Great Is The Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER²

Majestic God, your name rests upon our lips

And opens our hearts to the blessings of life.

How is it that you care for each of us, infants and aged and all?

How is it that you come to one and all in worship?

How is it that in all your grandeur and glory, we are not lost?

We worship you in thanksgiving and praise!

Rejoicing in your abiding presence, we pray together:

Holy Wisdom, Spirit of Truth, Eternal Creator, your glory is written across the starry heavens; your wonder is etched in the earth and seas. Who are we that you care for us so deeply? Why do you love us so completely? Raise your merciful and mighty call once more. Speak to us this day, that our lives may be formed in your wisdom, our paths marked by your caretaking, and our worship inspired by your goodness as we raise our songs of praise to you. Amen.

*HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

#136

*RESPONSIVE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

***On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;***

Beside the gates in the front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

***Ages ago I was set up, at the first,
before the beginning of the earth.***

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

***Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,***

When he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil

***When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,***

When he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

***When he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,***

When he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker,

And I was daily his delight, playing before him always,

Playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

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George Cochran

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:4b-15

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REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#74

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

Comfort Now My People

*RESPONSE³

"Father, I Adore You"

#143

***Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our ancestors in faith honored you with their offerings, O God, and we continue today so that the Spirit of Truth is known in all the earth. As your love has been poured into us, we share it with the hope that our Church World Service Blankets and Tools offerings, and our stewardship of time, talent and treasure may bring peace and joy into the hearts of your people. Amen.

*HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

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We thank Becky Kreigel for serving as liturgist and Betty Meszaros for serving as greeter.

The **bulletins** are given in **celebration of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on June 19th** by Steve & Lydia Totten.

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

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up after church or on Monday, please call **Pam Sullivan at 618-540-0098**. Flower Emporium offers \$25 (small), \$30 (medium), or \$35 (large) arrangements. If you would like to **sponsor a bulletin**, please call the **Church Office at (618) 877-6060**. The following dates are currently available; July 13, 2025, August 31, 2025, October 19, 2025, & November 30, 2025.



Today: In-person and Zoom Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 a.m.
Happy Father's Day!
Fellowship Hour by Choir Altos and Sopranos
Dedication of Tools and Blankets Offering
Herald Deadline

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

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

BROTHERHOOD GRILL MASTER MEAT RAFFLE

Calling all meat lovers! The raffle sale is in full swing for a "Grill Master Meat Bundle" comprised of some of the favorites from Brotherhood's meat sale products. These favorites include pork steaks, pork chops, bacon, link sausage, and back bones valued at over \$100! Tickets will be \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5 and will be available for purchase until the drawing on Sunday June 29th after service. The winner does not need to be present. For more information call the office or contact Dave Douglas at 618-452-3336.