

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

June 22, 2025

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9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship

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*Denotes all who are able, please stand.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost (C)

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9:30 Sunday School for Children

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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 ***“They’ll Know We Are Christians”*** Vs. 1 #595

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Psalm 42

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song
is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. (Vs. 8)

Thank You God, Good Night by Marianne Richmond

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER ²

Come into the light of God’s love.

Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.

Come to the house of healing and hope.

God’s love unites us and makes us whole.

Let us pray together:

***God of power and might, bring your awesome presence into
our worship and our world. Open us to your wholeness and***

healing of all creation and nations. Embolden us to answer your call, that we might face unafraid the demons of this world. Amen.

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

#552

*RESPONSIVE EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-39

“Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith.

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.”

In this letter Paul spoke to specific people in a specific place and time, saying “you” are one in Christ Jesus.

Today Paul speaks to us and to all God’s people, and so we rejoice to say “we” all are one in Christ Jesus.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-15a

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Wayfaring Stranger

Roger Kriegel, Guitarist and Becky Kriegel, Vocalist

Traditional and Appalachian Folksong. Arranged by: Richard Walters

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

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REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

#93

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

Personal Jesus

Roger Kriegel, Guitarist and Becky Kriegel, Vocalist
By Martin Gore

*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 DEDICATION²

Healer of the world’s ills, bring healing and strength through the gifts we place before you now. Bring hope, faith, and love, that our church may be an instrument of healing and a vessel of hope for a hurting world. Amen.

*HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#501

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The 59th Street Bridge Song

Roger Kriegel, Guitarist, Becky Kriegel, Vocalist, and Youth
By Paul Simon

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