

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

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter (A)

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9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship

9:30 Sunday School for Children

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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

*RESPONSE ***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*** Vs. 1 #71

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!

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

1 Peter 3:13-22

And baptism, which [Noah’s Ark] prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

Jesus Is All The World To Me/What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Sharon Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER¹

Gather us in, O God.

Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

Open our minds to possibilities, Holy One.

Teach us your commands, Precious Lord.

Unite us in loving others, Great Spirit.

Send us to live your love for all, O God.

And now, receive our prayers and praise.

Source of life and all that is good, we desire to obey your commandments of love and to do what we know is right. We seek to ease the pain of others, just as we value our own comfort. Increase our hope this day, as we receive your blessings and commit to sharing your love with each generation. Amen.

*HYMN **“Come, Thou Almighty King”** #148

*RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING From Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.**

But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Pages 8 & 9)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:22-31 pg. 129

ANTHEM *In the Garden* Sharon Fox

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 pg. 103

MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

Begin Church World Service Blankets and Tools Special Offering

OFFERTORY

Nearer, My God, To Thee

*RESPONSE **“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”** Vss. 2 & 4 #345

***Jesus calls us
from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, “Christian, love me more.”***

***Jesus calls us—
by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Where faith, hope, and love abide, Holy One, your love is lived. Bless the homes of your beloved people, and the efforts to make homes for your beloved without shelter. Multiply our offerings to reach places unknown to us, and to support our ministries in each generation. Amen.

*HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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*POSTLUDE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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