



January 16, 2022

St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Meditation

“Not by its size is my gift judged, but by how much of me there is in it.”

A.W.Tozer

Chimes

Prelude

Our God - Chris Tomlin

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God, you are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power
Our God

Welcome and Announcements

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

your steadfast love finds us.

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel,

O God,

you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

All: Thanks be to God!

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies. You know our thoughts and you know our sins. We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our embarrassments. But you know it all, and so we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness (*read responsively*)

The God who has made us will never desert us. The God of creation is creating still, making us new. The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Isaiah 62: 1-5; John 2: 1-11

Bob Miller

Children's Message

Pastor Jeff

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"God at the Wedding at Cana"

Pastor Jeff

✠The Apostle's Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*

(the congregation may be seated)

✠Giving our Gifts to God

✠Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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

✠Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Majesty - Jack Hayford



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In loving memory of our parents, John &
Geraldine Lundbye
and James & Doris Hamilton,
Presented by Wayne & Lynda Hamilton*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson
Acolyte: Olivia Pacovsky*