



October 17, 2021

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**

October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation

“There is a prerequisite for knowing the will of God; and it’s this—being willing to do it.” Bob Orr

Chimes

Prelude Count Your Blessings- Joshua Oatman, Jr.
Gale Sterner, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✝Opening Hymn *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Verse 1

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I’ll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Verse 2

Thru this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....
So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you know us through and through. This morning we repent of selfish thoughts, attitudes, and actions that have harmed others as well as ourselves. Show us the pathway to forgiving others as well and to reconciliation with those with whom we are estranged. Speak to our hearts your forgiveness, hope, and strength that we may live; driven by a purpose that honors you. Amen.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠Assurance of Forgiveness (*read responsively*)

Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

Bible Readings

Isaiah 53: 4-12; Mark 10: 35-45

Sally Morgan

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message

"Can You Drink the Cup that I Drink?"

Pastor Jeff

✠Hymn Of Response

Step By Step

God, you are my God
And I will ever praise you
Oh God, you are my God
And I will ever praise you
I will seek you in the morning
I will learn to walk in your ways
And step by step you will lead me
And I will follow you all of my days

✠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)*

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

✠ Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Verse 3

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler
of all.

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Austrian Hymn- arr. Douglas Wagner



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of her father, which would have been
his 102nd Birthday,
Presented by Tim & Elaine Deitzler*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson