

“Go your way;
your faith has made you well.”

Mark 10:52



October 24, 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 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” C.S. Lewis

Chimes

Prelude

Broken Vessels - Joel Houston | Jonas Myrin
Game Sterner, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Opening Hymn

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

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CCLI Song # 6333821

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Bless the Lord at all times.

Let everyone bless God.

Praise the Lord continually.

Let everyone praise Christ.

Our souls boast in the Lord.

We boast in the Spirit's greatness.

With one voice, we magnify and exalt the Lord,
for God has delivered us and made us whole.

Exalt our God, the Lord of life.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Dear God, there is so much of life we simply do not know. In our arrogance, we utter what we do not understand. Rescue us, O Lord, from our afflictions. Restore us, O God, from our self-inflicted wounds. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Son of God, and save us by your unending intercession. Amen.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness *(read responsively)*

Cry out to Christ, our great High Priest, for he has saved us. Our faith has made us well, brought us forgiveness, and granted us peace. **Thanks be to God!**

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52

Tom Kramer

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message

"Your Faith Has Made You Well"

Pastor Jeff

Chancel Choir

Look at the World - John Rutter

✠ **The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

– taken 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

Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Verse 3

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Verse 4

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Mu Tribute- Andrae Crouch



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
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10-21-21, to Derek & Amy Marrongelle, in
Arizona.*

Presented by Jeff & Barb Marrongelle

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson