

**The Installation of
Rev. Jeffrey G. Johnson
St John's United Church of Christ
November 21, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.**

† *indicates that those who are able may stand.*

Prelude The Lord's Prayer - Albert Malotte
Tracey Holler Flute

Greeting Bill Holler – Consistory President,
St John's United Church of Christ, Orwigsburg

† **Hymn** “We Are God's People”
We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases
Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to
inspire.

† **Prayer of Invocation** Dr Kay Jones – Commissioned Minister,

St John's United Church of Christ, Orwigsburg
✠ **Call to Worship** – Psalm 100 – Jamie Barton – Member of
Consistory, St John's United Church of Christ, Orwigsburg

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Please be seated

Scripture Reading Romans 12: 1-8 Tracey Holler
Chairperson Search and Pastoral Relations Committee
St John's United Church of Christ, Orwigsburg

The Message Rev. Bill Worley – Conference Minister
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ

✠ **Hymn** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Greeting - Association Representative

Rev. Kevin Duffy-Guy – Pastor, St. John UCC, Tamaqua, PA. Chair of the Schuylkill Association Committee on Ministry

The Schuylkill Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Congregation

Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Presentation - Local Church Representative

Bill Holler

(Addressing the association representative)

St John's United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Jeffrey Johnson as its pastor and teacher and

respectfully requests that the Schuylkill Association install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative (*addressing the congregation*)

The Schuylkill Association has reviewed the request of St John's United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Jeffrey Johnson, and we are pleased to install him as your pastor and teacher.

Association Representative (*addressing the pastor*)

Jeffrey Johnson, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

Association Representative

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church.

Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

Exhortation - Association Representative

(*addressing the congregation*)

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life.

Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

Association Representative (*addressing the pastor*)

We urge you, our brother, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

Association Representative (*addressing all*)

See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people.

Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances.

This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Covenant - Association Representative

(Addressing the congregation)

Dear friends, St John's United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Jeffrey Johnson to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Schuylkill Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Association Representative *(addressing the pastor)*

Jeffrey Johnson, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that St John's United Church of Christ has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Schuylkill Association?

Pastor

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative *(addressing the congregation)*

Members of St John's United Church of Christ, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Members of the church who are able stand for the remainder of the covenant.

Local Church Members (read in unison)

We, the members of St John's United Church of Christ, receive Jeffrey Johnson as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with

him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative (*addressing the association members*)

Members of the Schuylkill Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with St John's United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

Members of the association who are able stand for the remainder of the covenant.

Association Members

We, the members of the Schuylkill Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people, and the pastor and teacher of St John's United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation - Association Representative

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant, Jeffrey Johnson, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on him, on the people of St John's United Church of Christ, and on all the churches of the Schuylkill Association that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and converting sinners to you. Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Declaration - Association Representative

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Schuylkill Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of St John's United Church of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God**

The Charge

Rev. Dwayne Mosier, Pastor,
Ascension United Church of Christ, Jeffersonville, PA.

Chancel Choir- "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Jack Shrader

The Offering – will be donated to our ministry partner, the Bethany Children's Home. Larry Kelly – Member of the Search and Pastoral Relations Committee St John's United Church of Christ, Orwigsburg

✠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.

(Please be seated)

Closing Comments and Prayer

Pastor Jeff

Choral Benediction A Clare Benediction
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Postlude

Austrian Hymn

arr. Don Hustad

Our thanks to all visiting clergy and to all who have made this day a special celebration.

