



November 7, 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**

November 7, 2021

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation

“Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore, let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures.” Mother Teresa

Chimes

Prelude

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
*all praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lifting up our Joys

November Birthday Blessings

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

God is calling you today.

Help us to hear God's call in our lives.

God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Silent pause for reflection **Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Know that the Lord, our God, is a loving God, full of grace. God forgives us and gives us peace. And because of His grace, we can know His love. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

Bible Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9, John 11:32-44

Kay Jones

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message

"Jesus Wept"

Pastor Jeff

✠ **The Nicene Creed** (*unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ **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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Choir Anthem

Remember - James Koerts

Given in honor of Isabel Rhoads by Bill and Elaine Miller

✠ Invitation to the Table

✠ Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints. You are the God of our mothers and fathers and our children to all generations. You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage. Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.

Today, in thanksgiving, we hold sacred those faithful men and women who have followed Jesus' calling and touched our lives with their witness and have gone to their eternal rest:

Ray Heiser

Linda Greenwell

(bell tolls after each name is read)

Surrounded at this table by your faithful ones in heaven and on earth, we lift our hearts in prayer.

✠ Sanctus *(sung)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(The congregation may be seated as the Pastor continues)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts for all things are ready.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from here renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us and for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen.

✠ Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1. Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like that to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Shall we Gather at the River



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
In honor of Pastor Jeff & Irma for their
leadership & friendship.
Presented by Bill & Elaine Miller*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

