



May 29, 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**

May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

Meditation

“The prosperity of the soul is the best prosperity.” Matthew Henry

Chimes

Prelude

Tribute to the Armed Forces- arr. Lloyd Larson
Gale Sterner, percussion

O Beautiful for Hero's proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Opening Hymn # 51

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Verse 3

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in
this hour of worship and always.**

– based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death.
We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and in our**

relationships. We have hurt others and have been hurt by them. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the risen one.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✝ Assurance of Forgiveness *(read responsively)*

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

Bible Readings

Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34

Elaine Miller

Choir Anthem

Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones
arr. Keith Christopher

Children's Message

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message

"Moving Heaven and Earth"

Pastor Jeff

✝ The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

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

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, 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.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

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

(from the UCC Book of Worship)

Giving our Gifts to God

Offertory

Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Todd Kendall

✠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 #476 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Verse 1

I need Thee every hour

Most gracious Lord

No tender voice like Thine

Can peace afford

I need Thee, O I need Thee

Every hour I need Thee

O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

Verse 2

I need Thee every hour
Stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh
I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

Verse 3

I need Thee every hour
In joy or pain
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain
I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

Verse 4

I need Thee every hour
Teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill
I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Threefold Amen (sung)

Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

The Heavens Declare-Bendetto Marcello

Acolyte: Sophia Spolski



***The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in honor of loved ones.***

***Ellen Kirby, Kevin Bound, Chris & Caitlin
Brossman.***

Presented Ellen Kirby

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson