



May 30, 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**

May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Meditation

“Go where your best prayers take you.” Frederick Buechner

Chimes

Prelude *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones - arr. Keith Christopher*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Tribute to the Armed Services - arr. Lloyd Larson*

First to fight for the right
And to build the Nation's might
And the Army goes rolling along

Proud all we have done
Fighting till the battle's won
And the Army goes rolling along

Then it's hi hi hey
The Army's on its way
Count off the cadence loud and strong
Two three four hut two three four

For where're we go
You will always know
That the Army goes rolling along

From the halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
We will fight our country's battles
In the air on land and sea

First we fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean

We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marines

We're always ready for the call
We place our trust in thee
Through howling gales and shot and shell
To win the victory

Semper paratus is our guide
Our pledge our motto too
We're always ready do or die
Aye Coast Guard we fight for you

Anchors aweigh my boys
Anchors aweigh
Farewell to college joys
We sail at break of day day day day

Through our last night on shore
Hail to the foam
Until we meet once more
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home

Off we go into the wild blue yonder
Climbing high into the sun
Here they come to meet our thunder
At 'em boys give her the gun

Down we dive spouting our flame
From under off with one terrible roar
We live in fame or go down in flame
For nothing can stop the US Air Force

America America
God shed his grace on thee

O beautiful for heroes
Proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life

May God thy gold refine

Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine

America America

Lifting up our Joys

Birthday Blessings

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Great is the Lord!

God's greatness is beyond our understanding.

Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God.

Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

May God continue to bless God's people with peace. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

For those of us whose hearts are troubled, or spirits crushed by sin or circumstance, Good Lord, deliver us. Bring healing and wholeness of mind, body and spirit, and freedom to be the people we were always meant to be.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

God's forgiveness heals us. God's grace dispels our weariness and discouragement. God's love clears our vision. God's compassion lifts our burdens. We are made new!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings

Psalm 96: 1-9; Luke 7: 1-10

Ellen Kirby

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message *"An Army Officer Who Cared"*

Pastor Jeff

✠UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify: He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself. He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, 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. He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. 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.

(the congregation may be seated)

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 *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on, His truth is marching
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free

While God is marching on
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!
His truth is marching on! And on and on and on and on and on

America America

✝ **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

✝ **Chimes/Meditation**

Postlude *Lloyd Larson*



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Presented by Ellen Kirby and Kevin Bound.*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg.