

WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020



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**

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Gathering

Meditation

“As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as an excuse for doing wrong”

I Peter 2:16

Prelude

Draw Me Close - arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou

O 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
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
And when I think of 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
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
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Welcome and Sharing of the Good News of God's work among us

Opening Prayer

It's too easy to be bogged down with life right now. God means for us to celebrate life...to rejoice...to give Him tribute for all the good He does among men...and to be free to fully be ourselves. Therefore, he gives us the gift of love, to cleanse and to inspire. Let this be a holy moment of receiving. Lord, we hunger for righteousness, feed our souls with Your truth and grace and allow us to be satisfied with the Bread of Life! Amen

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we know that You know all that is in our hearts and minds. We come to You knowing that we have but to ask for you forgiveness and repent of our sins to receive Your healing grace. We ask that from You now as we confess our sins. Let us now take silent time to review our week and remember where we have done wrong or have not done the good, we should have done and confess in our hearts to the Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is God's gift to us and the world so that we can know abundant life.

Bible Readings

Ruth 1: 15-18; Luke 7: 36-50 Chris Holler

Children's Message and Blessing

"Fun with zoom"

Today's Message

"Love Much"

Jamie Barton

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.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*unison*) ("*debts*" and "*debtors*")

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.**

Please be seated.

Sending Forth and Final Blessing

Worship Leaders:

Jamie Barton & Kay Jones

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