



June 20, 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**

June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Meditation

“Stop telling God how big your storm is. Instead, tell the storm how big your God is.”
Unknown

Chimes

Prelude

The Winds and Waves

Amy Susan Foster

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Good Good Father”

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide

Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am
It's who I am

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am
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Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ **Call to Worship** (Congregation reads bold print)

Gather us together, O God,

Bind us together in your love.

No matter where we are, online, or here in person,

We are your body, O Christ.

The same Spirit that stirred the water of creation,

Stirs in our hearts and calls us to serve.

Guide us. O Holy One, in this time of worship,

Remind us that we are one in Christ Jesus.

✠ **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Jeff

✠ **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Merciful God, when lashed by life's windstorms we often lash out in return.

Forgive us when we blame you or others for our troubles. Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us the calm center that comes from a word of peace.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the witness of scripture: God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation.

Open wide your hearts and receive God's forgiveness. **Amen.**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings *Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32; Mark 4: 35-41*

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message *"When the Storms Hit Home"*

Pastor Jeff

✠ **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*

✠ 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

"This is My Father's World"

Verse 1

This is my Father's world,

And to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings

The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:

I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--

His hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

Verse 3

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Majesty

Jack Hayford



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ben Fisher in memory of C. Arthur Fisher, B. Frank Fisher, and C. Arthur Fisher III.

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

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