

Luke 9:62



No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

June 26, 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**

June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation

“What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?” Vincent van Gogh

Chimes

Prelude

Cornerstone - Myrin / Morgan / Liljero
Gale Sterner, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✝ Opening Hymn No. 598 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Verse 1

Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion, city of our God
He, whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
Thou may smile at all thy foes

Verse 2

See, the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver
Never fails from age to age

Verse 3

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a covering,

Showing that the Lord is near
This deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way

Verse 4

Savior, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am
Let the world deride or pity
I will glory in Your name
Fading are the world's best pleasure
All it's bloated pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

Let us again praise the one who is our help and our hope.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Life that surges through all living things and is their Source, we confess that we have often closed ourselves off and prevented the river flow of life through us. We have lost touch with the unique worth of the life each of us has to live. Our eyes fail to perceive beauty in people and in the world. Open our eyes, that we may walk in the newness of life through One who is the Resurrection and the Life.

✠ 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.

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 No. 496 *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

Verse 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 2

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

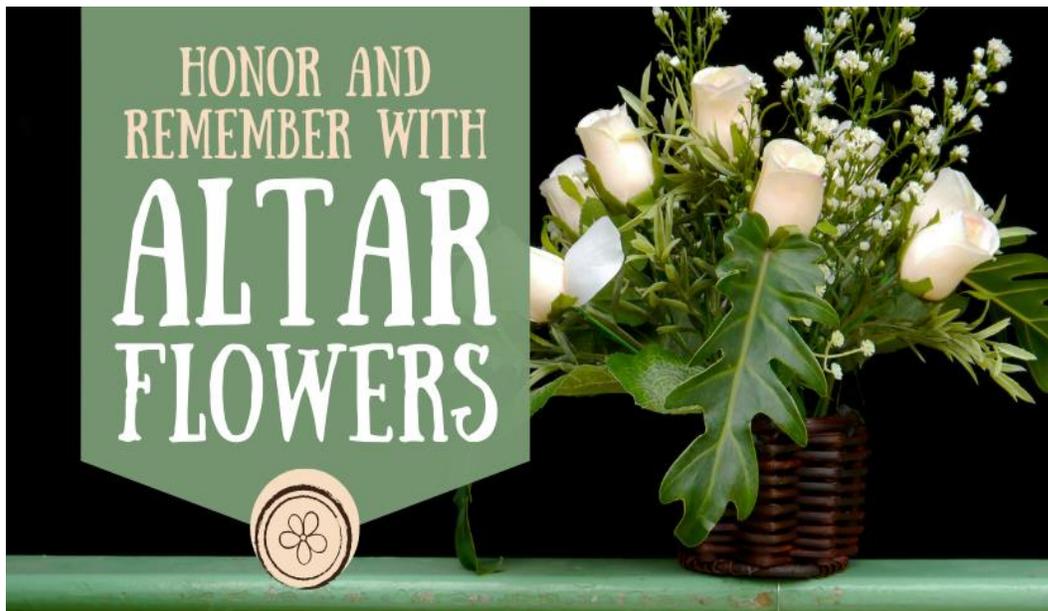
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Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Threefold Amen (sung)

Chimes/Meditation

Postlude *Find Us Faithful - Jon Mohr*



*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of our parents.
Presented by Jerry & Peg Berger*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson