



June 27, 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 27, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Pentecostv

Gathering

Meditation

“If you treat every situation as a life and death matter, you'll die a lot of times.”
Dean Smith

Chimes

Prelude “This is Amazing Grace” Phil Wickham

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn “This is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

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This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Chorus

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Lifting up our Joys

Birthday Blessings

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Come into the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving!

Serve the Lord with great gladness!

Know that God is truly with you!

Rejoice!

Come, let us worship the ever-present God!

Let us celebrate with song and prayer God's love for us. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, raise us up to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Feel the touch of Christ on your heart. You are healed and forgiven. Rejoice! God is with you now and always. **Amen!**

(the congregation may be seated)

✠ *All who are able shall stand*

Bible Readings

Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-2, 7-15

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message

"The Grace of Giving"

Pastor Jeff

✠ "A New Creed: A Statement of Faith from the United Church of Canada"

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

✠ 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

“All Things Are Yours!”

Verse 1

All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you.
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

Verse 2

“Give out of love,” your Word commands.
We are your head, your heart, your hands.
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

Verse 3

O what a joy to give and then, out of compassion, give again.
You have no need. Though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.

Verse 4

All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you.
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

✠Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

“Give Thanks”

Henry Smith



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Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

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