



June 28, 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**

June 28, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Meditation

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!”
Psalm 100:1*

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *How Majestic Is Your Name* Michael W. Smith

✠**Processional Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* Bell Choir

Lifting up Our Joys

Birthday Blessings

✠Sharing of Peace

✠Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us together to worship this morning.
From our work and play in the world, God gathers us to give thanks
for creation’s goodness.

**People: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: From our circle of friends and family, God brings us here to
participate in a community of faith.

**People: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: From everyday chatter and noise, God invites us to listen, to pray,
to sing, to rest in the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!**

✠ Opening Prayer

Jamie Barton

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here to worship you. Even though things are different, we wear masks and we socially distance ourselves from one another, we celebrate the opportunity to worship as a congregation together again in this Holy sanctuary. We gather in the presence of you Lord, our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death. We gather in the presence of Jesus Christ who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship, that we may know its joy. We gather in the presence of the Holy Spirit who sustains us in trials and rejoicing. In our living and in our dying, we belong to you Lord. Let us worship God. Amen.

✠ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that as your children, we have failed to reflect the image of our heavenly Father. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. We have grown impatient with others while we make excuses for ourselves. Forgive us, O God, and help us move with courage into the world as faithful witness to your love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

(Silent pause for reflection)

✠ 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

Jude 1: 8-16 Luke 6: 27-38

Ellen Kirby

Children's Message and Blessing

Jamie Barton

Today's Message

"Waterless Clouds"

Jamie Barton

✠United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (All)

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 others, 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

✠ Closing Hymn *He is Exalted*
(*please be seated for reflective silence*)