



June 6, 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 6, 2021
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Meditation

“It doesn’t matter what others are doing. It matters what you are doing.” Unknown

Chimes

Prelude

“Because He Lives (Amen)” *Matt Maher*
Gale Sterner, Percussion

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
 What a glory he shed on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
 And with all who will trust and obey

Chorus: Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
 but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
 but is blest if we trust and obey.

Chorus: Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

The in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
 Or we’ll walk by his side in the way;
 What he says we will do,
Where he sends we will go – never fear, only trust and obey.

Chorus: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is a day of new beginnings!

This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

Let us be prepared for service to God. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, you know that we let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. At times, our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. Please forgive us when we turn away from you in our darkest moments. Remind us that you are an active partner in our lives as you seek healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. We join with you to seek renewal as your disciples of peace and compassion. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God's love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. **Amen.**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings *Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1*

Sally Morgan

✠ *All who are able shall stand*

Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

Pastor's Message *"We Wobble, But We Don't Fall Down"*

Pastor Jeff

✠ Hymn of Response *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

✠ The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ 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)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

✠ Invitation to the Table

✠ Communion Prayer

Pastor Jeff

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. And we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

✠ **Sanctus** (*sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
(*the congregation may be seated*)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Pastor Jeff

Dear God, we open our hearts to your life-giving presence. May the bread we break and the cup we drink be an open door to a closer walk with you and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Help us to recognize you today and every day in the midst of our circumstances as we experience your love, hope, and direction for our lives. 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts for all things are ready.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, renewing our connection to the living Christ. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(congregation may be seated)

✠Closing Hymn *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty – hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more (want no more)
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, (strength and shield)
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side:
Song of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, (give to thee)
I will ever give to thee.

✠Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠Chimes/Meditation

Postlude *“In Thee is Gladness” J.S. Bach*



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their parents, William and Loretta Hart, and J. Parker and
Margaret Davies*

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