



July 11, 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**

July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation

“The Christian faith is first and foremost about loving God and loving what God loves.” Marcus Borg

Chimes

Prelude

“Everlasting God”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Verse 1

Child of blessing child of promise
Baptized with the Spirit's sign
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine

Verse 2

Child of love our love's expression
Love's creation loved indeed
Fresh from God refresh our spirits
Into joy and laughter lead

Verse 3

Child of joy our dearest treasure
God's you are from God you came
Back to God we humbly give you
Live as one who bears Christ's name

Verse 4
Child of God your loving Parent
Learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship
Trust and love God more than all

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

All: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, You know us through and through. Thank you for never giving up on us, even at those moments when we sin and stray from your path. Forgive us, O Lord, and guide us to spiritual renewal. May we live lives of purpose, your purpose, and always be attentive to the opportunities you give us to learn, to love, and to serve.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, the new life has begun. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

(the congregation may be seated)

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 Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name

Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race

Ye ransomed from the fall

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

✠ **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

✠ **Chimes/Meditation**

Postlude *“Everlasting God” - Brown, Riley*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Tom Wheeler from the Wheeler
Family*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

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