



**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.*