



**July 18, 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**

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Meditation**

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35

## **Chimes**

## **Prelude**

*Friend of God- Gunger, Houghton  
Gale Sterner, Percussion*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Hymn**

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares  
Who with me my burden shares  
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore

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## Lifting up our Joys

## Passing of the Peace

### ✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Open wide the doorways of our sanctuary!

**May the king of glory come into our midst.**

Who is this king of glory?

**This king of glory is our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus Christ.

**May our spirits and our hearts receive his blessing now and forever. Amen .**

### ✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

### ✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Silent pause for reflection*

**Amen.**

### ✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

**Thanks be to God!**

*(the congregation may be seated)*

### Bible Readings

*Psalm 63: 1-8; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56*

Dr. Bob Peters

### Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

## ✠ The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*

## 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**

*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me  
I want Jesus to walk with me  
All along my pilgrim journey  
I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials Lord walk with me  
In my trials Lord walk with me  
When the shades of life are falling  
I want Jesus to walk with me

In my sorrows Lord walk with me  
In my sorrows Lord walk with me  
When my heart within is aching  
I want Jesus to walk with me

**✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

**✠ Chimes/Meditation**

**Postlude**

Toccata - Gordon Young



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in honor of our grandchildren,  
Presented by Jim & Lori Moore*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson*

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