



July 5, 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**

**July 5, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Gathering**

### **Meditation**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”  
From the Beatitudes*

### **Prelude**

*Christopher Holler, saxophone*

### **Opening Hymn**

*Come Let Us Reason*

*Come let us reason together  
That's what God says  
Come let us reason together  
Says the Lord  
Tho' your sins be as scarlet  
They shall be as white as snow  
Tho' they be red like crimson  
They shall be as wool  
Come let us reason together  
That's what God says  
Come let us reason together  
Says the Lord*

*CCLI song #9914*

**Welcome & Sharing of Good News of God's Work Among Us**

### **Passing of the Peace**

## ✠ **Call to Worship: from Psalm 145**

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**People: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

**People: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,**

Leader: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

**People: The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

## ✠ **Opening Prayer**

Dear Everlasting Father: The beauty of the world around us feeds our souls in these days of summer. Despite the turmoil in the world around we can take comfort and joy in the words of a loved one, the song of a bird, the glory of a sunset, the stillness of the night. We thank you especially this weekend for the privilege of living in a country where we can openly worship you.

A country of deeply compassionate people who help those in need.

A young country still finding its way. Help us to be tolerant and loving

Toward those we disagree with, help us to follow the guidance of your son in how we deal with others each day. To do unto others as we would want done unto us. Amen.

## ✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, we know that You know all that is in our hearts and minds.

We come to You knowing that we have but to ask for you forgiveness and repent of our sins to receive Your healing grace. We ask that from You now as we confess our sins.

Let us now take silent time to review our week and remember where we have done wrong or have not done the good, we should have done and confess in our hearts to the Lord.

## ✠ **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**    *Psalm 145:8-14; Matthew 11: 16-19: 25-30*    Jarrod Krammer

**Children’s Message and Blessing**    Mike Nye

**Today’s Message**    *“Really Listening”*    Kay Jones

## ✠UCC Statement of Faith

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 men, 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

### Prayer of Our Savior (*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**

### ✠ Giving our Gifts to God

### ✠ Doxology (*recited*)

**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.**

### ✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

### Closing Song

This Is My Song

Tracey Holler, Flute

#### *Verse 1*

*This is my song O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine*

#### *Verse 2*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song Thou God of all nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine*

*Verse 3*

*This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms  
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him  
And hearts united learn to live as one  
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations  
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done  
CCLI Song # 6327112*

***Worship Leader:***

***Kay Jones***

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