



November 17, 2024
26th Sunday after Pentecost

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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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Meditation

“Pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you.” Andrew Murray

Chimes

Prelude

Your Grace Still Amazes Me
Denzel, Nathalia, Brielle

Welcome and Announcements

✝ Opening Hymn #467 *The Power of Your Love*

Lord, I come to you; let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with you;
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes; let me see you face to face,
The knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day by the power of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with you;
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love.

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

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

Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.

Come with joyful expectation.

We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.

Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.

✠ **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Jeff

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Rock of Salvation, we praise your holy name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. We confess our fallibility. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another and to work together for good in the world.

Silent pause for reflection **Amen.**

✠ **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Our hearts are sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with the water of God's love. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God assures us that we are pardoned, forgiven, absolved, and released from our sin. **Amen!**

Children's Message

Pastor Jeff

Bible Readings

Isaiah 43:1-3; John 8:12

Olivia Pacovsky

Isaiah 43:1-3

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

John 8:12

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

The Bel-Canto Chorale from Blue Mountain Academy Directed by Trena Murphy

Jesus Led Me all the Way

Janae, Denzel, soloist, Brielle, pianist

O Lord Please Hear My Prayer

The Love of God

Abigail, David duet

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

All Things New

Kellie, pianist

Shalom

Daniel, violin

✠The Apostle's 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

Offertory

Daniel Servant of the Lord

Joao, Isaak soloist

✠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.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jeff

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 #499

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
What e'er I do, where e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, what e'er my lot may be,
Since 'tis my God who leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
is faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

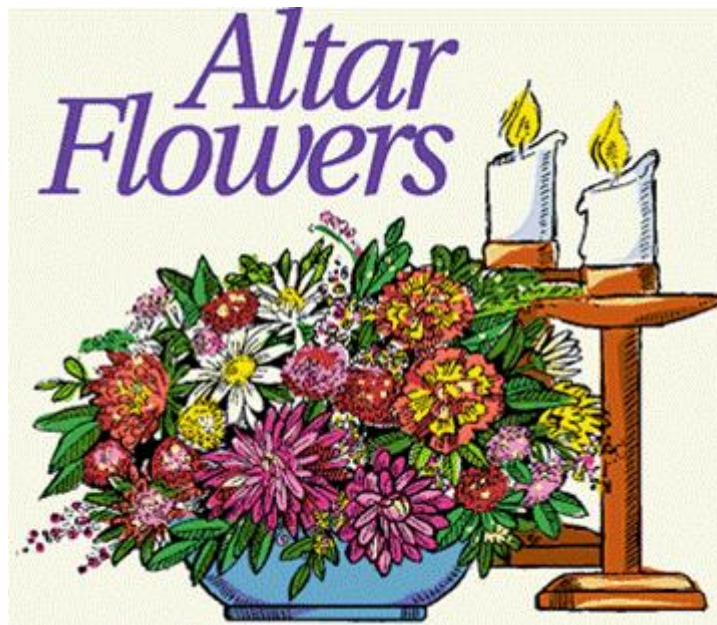
✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Postlude

Andante Moderato



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of
God, in Memory of Loved Ones.
Presented by Harlan & Eileen Rump.*