

A photograph of a hand reaching out towards the sun over a body of water at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The water is calm and reflects the light. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange.

"By your endurance you will win your lives."  
-Luke 21:19 WEB

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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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**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Meditation**

“Keep the faith. The most amazing things in life happen right at the moment you’re about to give up hope.” Author Unknown

**Prelude**      *Be Thou My Vision*, arranged by Larry Shackley

**Welcome and Announcements**

**✝ Opening Hymn #449**      *Day by Day*

Day by day and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,  
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
Gives unto each day what he deems best-  
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counselor and Power.  
The protection of his child and treasure  
Is a charge that on himself he laid:  
”As your days, your strength shall be in measure,”  
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation  
So to trust your promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within your holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till I reach the promised land.

## Lifting up our Joys

## Passing of the Peace

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

A new day has dawned. God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

**Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.**

Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

**We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.**

Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

**Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. We are listening!**

✠ **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Jeff

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

**Dear God, we offer our prayers for both ourselves and for others; for those whose hearts are troubled, or spirits crushed by sin or circumstances. Good Lord, deliver them. Bring healing and wholeness of mind, body and spirit, and freedom, so that we may be the people we were always meant to be.**

*Silent pause for reflection*    **Amen.**

## ✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is merciful and gracious; he is slow to get angry and full of unfailing love. In Christ's Name, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!** *(from Psalm 103:8)*

## Children's Message

Pastor Jeff

## Bible Readings

*Habakkuk 3:17-19, Luke 21:5-19*

Kay Jones

### Habakkuk 3:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation.

<sup>19</sup> God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights.

### Luke 21:5-19

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So

make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words<sup>[c]</sup> and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.

## **Pastor's Message**

*“The Good News About Hair”*

Pastor Jeff

## **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)*

## **Reception of New Member – David Lafko**

**✠ Congregation: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we journey together in the worship and work of Jesus Christ. May God grant that, together, we will continue to grow in his love and be witnesses of our risen Lord. Amen.**

## **Giving our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**      Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*, by Pietro Mascagni

## **✠ 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

### 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 #428      *When Peace Like a River*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."  
It is well - *It is well*  
With my soul, - *With my soul*  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul.  
It is well - *It is well*  
With my soul, - *With my soul*  
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin - not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well - *It is well*  
With my soul, - *With my soul*  
It is well, it is well with my soul

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:  
“Even so”- it is well with my soul.  
It is well - *It is well*  
With my soul, - *With my soul*  
It is well, it is well with my soul

## ✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

### Three-fold Amen

### Chimes and Meditation

### Postlude

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*