



St. John's United Church of Christ
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

~ Communion ~

Sunday, May 5, 2024

[* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." — John 15:16a

Organ Prelude: "Deep River" — Spiritual

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 98):

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for our God has done marvelous things.

P: **God has remembered God's steadfast love for all people;**

All the ends of the earth have seen the goodness of our God.

L: Make a joyful noise to the earth, all Creation.

Let the sea roar and all that is in it; let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together.

P: **Let trumpet and harp and lyre break forth into glorious melody.**

Let all people sing hymns and songs of praise.

A: **For God is coming in justice and love for the whole world.**

O sing to the Lord a new song, for our God has done marvelous things.

*Opening Hymn:

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

#87

The Baptism of William Rhett Davis and Willow Bonnie Davis

The Invitation and Address / The Questions and Promises

The Promises of the Congregation:

We receive these children as new persons in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as they explore life. We enfold these children in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We promise to join with these parents in living out the Gospel in our lives so that these children may come to know the love of Christ and grow to show forth Christ's love for all people.

The Baptismal Prayer/ The Act of Baptism

The Introduction of the Baptized

The Prayer for the Baptized

Hymn:

"Come, Be Baptized"

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Mission Moment:

Batesville Children's Summer Meal Program

Especially for Children

The Song:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:39-48
John 15:9-17

Anthem: “God Will Take Care of You” ~ Men’s Choir

Sermon: “Heard Them Praising God”

Hymn: “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” #327

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” arr. DeCou

Doxology #34

Offertory Prayer

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

[We share an open communion here at St. John’s. All who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior are invited.]

The Communion Prayer and Words of Institution: The Lord’s Prayer:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Sharing of the Bread & Cup: *(Note that there are grapes in the trays – these grapes are offered for youth who are not yet taking full Communion. We want them to start experiencing the meaning of communion and feel included.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: “Marche Pontificale” — Lemmens

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:

May 5	Charlie Dieckmann	Batesville Children’s Summer Meal Program
May 12	Cindy Feller	Strengthen the Church (UCC)
May 19	Dan Hall	St. John’s Sunday School (VBS)
May 26	Myron Kanning	St. John’s Cemetery Fund



St. John's Prayer List – Those Bereaved *(these names remain on for one year):*

Marian Koester; Willis Rouse; Doris Lamping; John Moody.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:

Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Carolyn Carson (Breast Cancer, Grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Randy & Becky Schebler; Margaret Meyers; Vicky & Jim Wintz; Toby Holman (Health Issues, Nephew of Bev & Jeff Schwier); Darlene Hauck & family (On the passing of her Father, Robert Hauck, friend of Kimberly Hill); Delores Cornett; Robert Weber (Recovery from fall); Sandi Maxwell (Cancer, friend of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Georgia Haarman; Dan Borchelt (Cancer, uncle to Barb Foster, cousin to Paul Borchelt); Mabel Horton (On her passing, Mabel is the sister of Ruth Thie and Aunt to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Anne Thie (On her passing, Ann was a family member and friend to many here at St. John's); Danny & Patty Canterbury (Patty is in ICU, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Steve & Ann Koph (Melanoma diagnosis and other health issues, friends of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Jenell Schroeder; Sheryl Voss (Health Issues), Sherry Linville (Eye Surgery); Elaine Wessling (Health Issues); Connie Miller (Heart Surgery); Joan Westerfeld (Hip Replacement); Bob Selke (Recent Surgery); Olivia Williams (Surgery & Recovery, daughter of Tim & Sara Putnam).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Chris Williams; Bryce Timonera.

Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes: (For Peace)

St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Margaret Meyers; Carol Narwold.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

- May 5: Communion Sunday
Men's Choir Singing
- May 6: Sunday School Board Meeting 6pm
- May 8: Confirmation Class 6pm
Chancel Choir Practice 7pm
- May 11: All Daughters Banquet 5:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

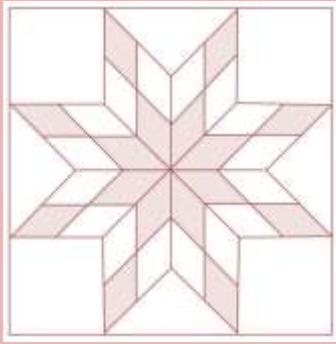
- May 12: Mother's Day
Chancel Choir Singing
- May 14: Council Meeting 7pm
- May 15: Final Confirmation Class 6pm
Chancel Practice 7pm

Announcements

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:

is May 19th and we have seven of our youth that will be invited to affirm their baptisms and join the ranks of those confirmed here at St. John's. Please join us before worship in the Fellowship Hall for a reception in their honor. And then join us for the joyful event itself during our 9am worship service.





ALL DAUGHTERS GATHERING

Saturday May 11th @ 5:30pm is the All Daughters Gathering in the church dining hall.

If you are bringing a quilt, we need your forms with the description handed in by today, May 5th.

For more information on this gathering, please contact: Barb Foster at 812-933-5667

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3 – 7 is when St. John's Vacation Bible School will be. Please save the date, spread the word, and invite your friends and cousins to come along to this awesome event! Stay tuned for more details to come next month.

This year's VBS theme will be:

Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God



LOADS OF LOVE!

- ♥ Have you been given loads of love? I bet you have! Family, friends, God...
- ♥ Do you have loads of love to give? I bet that's true too!
- ♥ How do we spread loads of love to our local neighbors?
By doing loads of laundry of course!



Our new outreach mission ministry, called Loads of Love, has begun!

We have several ways locally for our neighbors in need to get clothing items for free or reduced costs. How do those same neighbors get their clothes clean, especially if they have a lower income or don't have laundry facilities in their home? Have you thought much about how expensive and inconvenient it is to have to do all of your laundry at the laundromat? We are collecting quarters, and really any money you're willing to donate, in our washing machine at the back of the sanctuary. At a future date, we will take these quarters and laundry detergent (purchased with that other money) to a local laundromat to do loads of free laundry for anyone who comes while we're there. This mission's purpose is to share our love with all our neighbors by helping them do a load of laundry. We'll help until the suds and funds run out.



SCRIPTURES



Acts 10:39-48

[Peter said], “We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.



John 15:9-17

[Jesus said], “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Hymns

Come Christians, Join to Sing (page #87)

Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne

rejoice; praise is his gracious choice,

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll

condescend; His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll

adore, singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

Come, Be Baptized (page 676)

Come as a child, come to the waters;

to the family of God, come, sons and daughters.

Come to the river, the Lord, the life-giver;

wash in the love that is sent from above.

Refrain:

Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;

come, be baptized in the name of the Son;

come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;

come, be baptized in love.

Come as a child, come, sons and daughters,

draw from the well life-giving waters.

Drink of the river, the Lord, the life-giver;

feel how it pours out the life that is yours. [*Refrain*]

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

(page #327)

Like the murmur of the dove's song,

like the challenge of her flight,

like the vigor of the wind's rush,

like the new flame's eager might:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (cont.)

To the members of Christ's body,

to the branches of the Vine,

to the church in faith assembled,

to our midst as gift and sign:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,

with the ceaseless voice of prayer,

with the power to love and witness,

with the peace beyond compare:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Doxology (page #34)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

God of Grace and God of Glory (page #569)

God of grace and God of glory,

on your people pour your power;

crown your ancient Church's story,

bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the facing of this hour,

for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us

scorn the Christ, assail his ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us

free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the living of these days,

for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness,

bend our pride to your control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness,

rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

lest we miss your kingdom's goal,

lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation

to the evils we deplore;

let the gift of your salvation

be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

serving you whom we adore,

serving you whom we adore.