



St. John's United Church of Christ
August 13, 2023
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



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

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

***THE INTROIT** *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* No. 263

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

- L. God asked Elijah, "What are you doing here?" God asks the same question today, "What are you doing here?"
- P. **We are here, opening our lives to God's presence and listening for God's voice.**
- L. God said to Elijah, "Go...." God gave Elijah a task to do, a mission to fulfill, a purpose to accomplish. God nurtures us, but then God also says "Go...."
- P. **We praise God who transforms our hearts and lives. We give ourselves to God once again so we too might go and do God's work in the world.**
- L. Come then, let us present ourselves to God so we might worship and honor the God whose servants we are. Amen!**

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* No. 67 (vs. 1-4)

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

God of mystery, open our eyes, to look for you in unfamiliar places; open our ears, to hear you speak in the sound of sheer silence; open our hearts, to feel the depth of your love. When we wander in the wilderness of fear and death, revive us with your care, that we may find strength for our journey back to the land of hope and life. Amen. <*

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Arise, My Soul, Arise"* -Dan Forrest
Jonathan Clark, Soloist

EPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* (words below)

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

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Holy One, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in ways both big and small, in ways miraculous and mundane. Use our gifts to further your loving justice in our communities near and far. Amen. ^{ww}

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

1 Kings 19:9-15

HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 452

SERMON

"Elijah: Transforming Journey"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In 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.

***THE HYMN**

"The Voice of God Is Calling"

No. 666

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN**

"Go in Peace"

No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

**Authorship unknown

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Worship services will be found on the church website, www.myucc.org, by clicking on the "sermons" tab. And on the church Facebook page, *St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes*.

Many hearts. Many voices. One church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests:** Don Osborne, Jr., Bruce Deckard, all church family members who are serving our country, Dan Roark & Family, The families of Hank Lopez, Robin Root, Mark Lange and John Jackson. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.
- Prayers for Delaynee Coomes have been requested. Delaynee has had some spells where she has passed out. It appears to be heart related but there is no diagnosis yet. She has been restricted to no driving, no athletic workouts, and also that some one must stay with her at all times. She has upcoming appointments to learn more about her situation.
- It's with a heavy heart that I share that Jean Wells passed away this week . Please keep Bill Lathrop and the family in your prayers.

Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

Norma Meyer, Colonial Assisted Living, Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Susie Milligan, Colonial Assisted Living, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Joy Tooley, Willow Manor, - 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, -request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

Marge Beamon, Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to her home address, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

Home
Alexander Family
Bruce Deckard
Dan Roark



If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it! St. John's UCC Caregivers- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman,



Vacation Bible School will once again be held during Sunday mornings in August, 9:15 through 11:30 am. Our theme this year is **"Sharing and Celebrating our Spiritual Gifts"**. God gives each person special gifts to use in service to others, but not everyone has the same gifts. What are your special gifts?

The morning schedule is as follows:

9:15 - 9:30 *Welcome and Opening* (Memorial Hall)

9:30 - 10:00 *Sharing Our Gifts* - Presentation/demonstration/hands on activity led by church members For all ages. (MH)

10:00 - 10:15 *Snacks and fellowship for all*. (MH)

10:30 - 10:40 Worship Service and Children's Message (Sanctuary)

10:40 - 11:30 *Children's Church* (Upstairs Blue Room)

Our Sunday School hour will focus on congregational members who will share one of their gifts (passions) in Memorial Hall. **This portion of VBS is an all ages presentation.** Bible passages and relevance will be shared during the Children's message. Children's Church time will include discussions, games, and songs. On August 27, there will be a VBS sharing time during worship service. Our offering will go to **Backpacks of Love**. We hope to see everyone there!

Let Jill Lopez know if you have questions or would like to help.

Our special presenters are:

Aug. 6 - Eric Meyer - planting/growing

Aug. 13 - Elaine Workman - candy making

Aug. 20 - Larry Marchino - music

Aug. 27 - VBS kids will practice songs for worship service (but there will still be Fellowship time!).



St. John's United Church of Christ is once again hosting a Block party. It is set for September 17, 2023 from 4-6 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please see sign up sheet on hallway bulletin board. More detail in future announcements.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

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Backpacks of Love is a Non-Profit Organization , that purchase and deliver food to students in the Vincennes Community. Each bag is filled with a variety of food items and distributed to students. The mission of Backpacks of Love is to eliminate hunger in local school-age children by providing food for their weekends.

All contributions collected from the Vacation Bible School here at St. John's, will go to this mission.



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's UCC

*Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, myucc.org
Worship Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page*



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SUNDAY, August 13

VBS 9:15am-11:30

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, August 14

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

Preschool, Butterfly Class Resumes 4yr old

Outreach & Mission Committee 6:30pm

TUESDAY, August 15

Preschool, Caterpillars Class Resumes 3 Yr. old

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, August 20

VBS 9:15am-11:30

Fellowship 10 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, August 21

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

Worship Committee 6pm

Church Board 7pm