



St. John's United Church of Christ
August 27, 2023
Thirteenth 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P. We belong to God.

L. When we feel overwhelmed,

P. God is on our side.

L. When we are afraid,

P. God will keep us safe.

L. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P. Blessed be the Lord! Amen.^{MM}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"The Church's One Foundation"* No. 272

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.

Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.^{MM}

***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 *Vacation Bible School*

ESPECIALLY 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 MEMORIAL MOMENT *Jean Wells March 6, 1931-August 10, 2023*

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)**

Giver of every gift, we give thanks for your provision that allows us to live a generous life. Use our offerings of time, talent, and treasure to expand your kingdom. May these gifts be magnified and meet the needs of this community and your world.^{WW}

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

THE HYMN

"My Hope is Built"

No. 537

SERMON

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** *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* No. 709

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN** *"Go in Peace"* No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{MM}Ministry Matters, Mary Petrina Boyd

^{WW}Worship Ways, The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

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, Delaynee Coomes . For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our 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.

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, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



The Sanctuary Choir will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm. We look forward to meeting together again to make a "joyful noise" as our contribution to morning worship. Thanks to donated Memorial Gifts, several new anthems have been acquired; we look forward to sharing those with you this coming year.

Remember: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." (Psalm 100:1-2, NIV)

Please give serious thought to joining us in our music ministry. All voices are welcome!



Many thanks to all who pitched in to help with this year's VBS. We have the greatest people in our congregation who will jump right in and offer their services. Hats off to all of you! Our offering this year went to Backpacks of Love. Total giving will be announced soon.

On Sunday, September 10 everyone is invited to an all church breakfast. This will help kickoff our new Sunday School year and offer some fellowship as well. Breakfast starts at 9:30 am.

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev Dennis Frische-Mouri
	Rev Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	Cindy Deckard
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill



A fund has been set up through our church to help support victims of the 2023 Hawaii wildfires. Anyone who wishes to give money may do so in offering collection using the green envelopes on the pews, or submitting to the church office, 606 N 5th Vincennes, IN 47591. Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC and mark Hawaii fund on the envelope.



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



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*



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's

SUNDAY, August 27

VBS 9:15am-11:30

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, August 28

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

Worship Committee 6pm

Church Board 7pm

WEDNESDAY, August 30

Laundry Love 6-8pm

FRIDAY, September 1

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, September 3

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, September 4

Labor Day Office Closed

Evangelism & Membership 7pm

TUESDAY, September 5

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30

WEDNESDAY, September 6

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, September 7

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30