



St. John's United Church of Christ
October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS,

GREETINGS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L. Welcome to God's house! We are delighted to have you here!

P. We hunger for God's word of hope.

L. You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

P. We thirst for God's healing in our lives.

L. At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

P. Thanks be to God who provides for our needs.

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* No. 622

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Loving God, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds. We are drawn away by problems and cares. Heal our spirits. Open our hearts. Help us be your disciples. 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.

THE ANTHEM *"The Wonder of Grace"* -Martin

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 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 ask that you bless these offerings and tithes so they can multiply to be a blessing for our community, our mission, and worldwide. Accept our offerings and tithes, O God, as a testimony of your goodness in our lives. Amen!^{WW}

SCRIPTURE *Philippians 2:1-13*
Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

COMMUNION HYMN *"One Bread, One Body"* No. 393

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In Unison] (from our partners in South Africa)

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice, God forgive us. For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion, God forgive us. For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace, we ask your mercy. For our failings in community, our lack of understanding, we ask your mercy. For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love, God forgive us. Amen.~

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS [Responsive]

L. In Christ's name, and as one with you in the church, I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven.

P. In Christ's name, and as sisters and brothers in the church, we declare to you: Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!⁺

THE COMMUNION PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***THE HYMN** *"God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* No. 439

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{MM}Ministry Matters, Nancy C. Townley

^{WW}*Going Ahead in God's Leading: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
was written by the Rev. Persida Rivera-Mendez, retired UCC pastor.

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~Global Ministries World Communion Sunday Resources. www.globalministries.org.

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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.

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.



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. 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, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue, Vincennes, IN 47591

Franklyn Schroeder, Oak Village Health Care Center – 200 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Dan Roark—Gentle Care, - 1202 S. 16th St., Vincennes, IN 47591

Home

Alexander Family

Bruce Deckard

caregivers
managers, loving, adult, care giving, women, families, brave, selfless heroes, inspiring, empowering, generation, strong, worker, sandwich, supporter, caregivers, motivators, coordinators

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.

Laundry Love



What Is Laundry Love Mission?

Laundry Love takes place at the Vincennes Laundromat, (1815 North 6th street). On the last Wednesday of each month from 6-8 pm, volunteers from St. John's pay for up to 5 loads of laundry for any family that evening and 3 loads of laundry for those who are single.



How Can I Help?

Laundry Love relies on the support of individuals from St. John's UCC.

- An Extra Donation In Your Pledge Envelope Marked "Laundry Love"
- Cash Donation Placed In The Laundry Love Containers Located In The Back Of The Church
- Volunteer At The Laundromat

HOURS OF OPERATION

Last Wednesday Of Each Month

Contact
Jana Vieck
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ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

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

Come Join Us ! Dinner & Conversation WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

If you'd like to join others in eating out and sharing in relaxed conversation, mark your calendars for these Vincennes locations on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. For the following dates:

Wednesday, October 4– Ponderosa Steakhouse, 2625 Hart St.

Wednesday, October 11- Senor Tequila, 1350 Willow St.

Wednesday, October 18– McAllister's, 2720 N Sixth St.

Wednesday, October 25– Chicago Pizza, 529 Main St.



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, October 1

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Neighbors in Need Offering

Children's Church

MONDAY, October 2

BABE 12-5:30pm

Friends 5-6:15pm

TUESDAY, October 3

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

WEDNESDAY, October 4

Dinner at Ponderosa Steakhouse 5pm

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, October 5

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

FRIDAY, October 6

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm

SATURDAY, October 7

M&M Fall Activity 6-7:30pm at Church

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, October 8

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, October 9

Office Closed Indigenous People's Day

Friends 5-6:15pm

Outreach & Missions 6:30pm

Evangelism & Membership 7pm

WEDNESDAY, October 11

Dinner at Senor Tequila 5pm

Choir 7pm

Prayer

Dear God,
Each day we behold the beauty and goodness of all that you have created.
Each day we breathe in your air, drink your water, and enjoy your fields of harvest.
We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your creation!
Amen.

Litany of Wonder

Leader: Let us behold the wonders of creation. Let us marvel at the infinite artistry of nature.

People: Let our senses take it all in: each tree, each flower, each blade of grass.

Leader: All around us are gifts that have been bestowed upon us by God.

People: Today, we renew our spirits and fill our hearts with gratitude

Behold!

With your generous support, The United Church of Christ, thorough the [Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering](#), helps its members live out their beliefs via acts of service.

Please donate today!

For more resources and to share and learn best practices for environmental justice, visit ucc.org/nin

Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support advocacy, programming, and grants. One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM.

www.ucc.org/nin. Thank You!



Artist: Alexis
Age: 15
Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

Behold!

"God saw everything God made and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31

Young environmental advocates lead the way.

At First Congregational Church in Montclair, New Jersey, young climate leaders like Jey Cook and Simona Graceffo have played a leading role in advancing the care of God's creation both within and beyond their church. With a sense of passion and purpose, they created an uplifting video to kick-start the all-church process of becoming a UCC Creation Justice Church. Each of them was also a climate justice fellow at their church over the course of the summer as they engaged with efforts in the broader community to promote local sustainability and food security. Witness the leadership of Cook and Graceffo in their video: <https://bit.ly/CreationJusticeVideo>

