



St. John's United Church of Christ
October 15, 2023
Twentieth 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. Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

P. Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

L. What joy we have in God's presence!

P. What peace is brought to us in God's house!

L. This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

P. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ^{MM}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"Gather Us In"* No. 284

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. 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 ""

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)**

Take our offerings and tithes, O God, bless them that they may be used to share your love and blessing in our community and the world. May these offerings provide for the needs of many and the proclamation of your word to those seeking hope. Amen! ^{WW}

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

THE HYMN *"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"* No. 424 vs 1-3

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** *"Rejoice You Pure in Heart"* No. 15

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{MM}Ministry Matters, Nancy C. Townley

^{WW}Worship Ways, Rev. Pésida Rivera-Méndez, adapted

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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** Bruce Deckard, all church family members who are serving our country, Dan Roark & Family, The families of Hank Lopez, Robin Root, Mark Lange. Don Osborne, Jr. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.
- Please offer prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Oscar Sanders. He was killed in an incident at his Bicknell workplace yesterday afternoon. His family in our church includes son Chris, Lori, and his grandchildren: Joel, Carson and Avery Sanders.
- Continued prayers for a safe trip home Becky's niece, Ali and her husband Travis, who were trapped in Jerusalem, but did arrive in Athens Greece this week.

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.

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

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 Neighbors in Need offering, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bftyatb>, you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Behold, with your assistance, we together can help our Neighbors in Need. Envelopes are available to donate to in the sanctuary or church office.



*"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good."*

Genesis 1:31

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2023
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Artist: Alexis
Age 15
Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

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	Sandra Lange
Sound	Brian Fillingim
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 18– McAllister's, 2720 N Sixth St.

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

St. John's will be holding the Trunk or Treat Monday, October 30, from 6-7:30.



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 15

Sunday School 9:15 am

Fellowship 10am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

CFM Dinner/ Fall Activity 5-7:30pm

MONDAY, October 16

Babe Store 12-5:30

Friends 5-6:15 pm

Worship Committee 6pm

Church Board 7pm

WEDNESDAY, October 18

Dinner at McAllister's 5pm

Choir 7pm

FRIDAY, October 20

Newsletter Deadline

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, October 22

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, October 23

Babe Store 12-5:30

Friends 5-6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, October 25

Dinner at Chicago Pizza 5pm

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, October 26

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30

SATURDAY, October 28

CFM Halloween Holiday World Trip 10:15am



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