



St. John's United Church of Christ
October 8, 2023
Nineteenth 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: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden,

P: And I will give you rest.

ALL: Praise God for all God's goodness; sing for joy for God's love is everlasting.^{MS}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"Morning Has Broken"* No. 53

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Holy One, Your word bursts into our lives like a glorious sunrise. You speak, and our hearts rejoice. You command, and our eyes are opened. The sound of Your voice brings revival to our souls. Your words are purer than the finest gold. True and Righteous One, Living Word, light our way. As we listen to Your Spirit, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be accepted in your sight, O Lord, our strength, and our redeemer. Amen.^{MS}

***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 *"Now and Forevermore"* Mary McDonald

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN Rev. Mark Sirnic

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)**

O great, giving, and generous God, we have just opened our hands to give of ourselves. Bless now these gifts and our giving. Help us keep our hands open for just a little longer so that when we feel your urging to give again that we might express your love. And for just a little longer, O God, help us keep our hands open so that we might receive and give thanks for all your good gifts to us. Amen^{MS}

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:12-15

THE HYMN

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

No. 102

SERMON

"Take Off The Breaks"

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** *"For Beauty of Meadows"* No. 696

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

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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.

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.

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



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

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist	Brenda Fillingim
Head Usher	Janet Daniels
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	Lonny Vieck
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck

We welcome Rev. Mark Sirnic who is our guest preacher this morning. Rev. Sirnic is a retired minister of the United Church of Christ and had most recently served as Senior Pastor of Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Evansville, Indiana. In addition Mark has served churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

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 11- Senor Tequila, 1350 Willow St.
Wednesday, October 18- McAllister's, 2720 N Sixth St.
Wednesday, October 25- Chicago Pizza, 529 Main St.



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 8

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, October 9

Office Closed Indigenous People's Day

Friends 5-6:15 pm

Outreach & Missions 6:30 pm

Update: October Evangelism & Membership 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, October 11

Dinner at Senor Tequila 5pm

Christian Ed 6pm

Choir 7pm

FRIDAY, October 13

Dad's Day Preschool 11am-12pm

LOOKING AHEAD

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



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