

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

September 1, 2024

James 1:17-27

Be Love



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St. John's United Church of Christ
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* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. **Bold print** is everyone in unison

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

A gift of a new day,
Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.
 A new day with surprising miracles;
With love to be given, Kindness to be shared. And peace to be enjoyed.
 A gift of a new day, God's gift to us.
Let us receive it with joy and live it in expectation.

***OPENING HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (vs.1 & 2) #25

***WE INVITE GOD TO WORSHIP** (unison)

You, gracious God, are love itself, and perfect love casts out fear. Come to us in merciful patience, we pray, to love us from fear to trust, from anger to grace, from doubt to faith. Love us from our self-centeredness to hearts that willingly give themselves in selfless sacrifice and service. Love us out of our scarcity to hearts overflowing with generosity. Love us from brokenness to wholeness, from resentments and forgiveness withheld to forgiveness freely offered just as it has been freely offered to us. Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with your love that we might love as you first loved us. Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Seek Ye First* (v.1) #354

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children come forward) *Jesus Loves Me*

OFFERING INVITATION**

Let us give back to God with gratitude for all blessings received.

***RESPONSE** *Now Thank We All Our God* #715

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Lord of all life, you have brought your word to us today, and you have called us to ministry and service. We ask now that you would dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful actions through the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

Silent Prayers – Pastoral Prayer-The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Congregational Response *Seek Ye First* (v.2) #354

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

New Testament: Mark 7:1-8

L: The Word of God for the People of God **P: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

When You Speak to Me

Paris

MESSAGE

Sex Text

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution; Consecration and Sharing of the Elements

Thanksgiving Prayer (unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *They'll Know We Are Christians* #494

***BLESSING** (responsively)

As members of Christ's body, put love above all else. Do not love in word or speech only; love also in deed and truth. May your relationships with each other be symbols of God's relationship to you.

All praise be to the God of love! Amen.

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Go In Peace* #445

***POSTLUDE**



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests:** Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, Don Osborne, Jr., Family of Carole Klein, Family of Franklyn Schroeder, Luis Prada (pastor Debbie's brother in law) . For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.
- Please keep Don Black Sr. in your prayers. He has been hospitalized with pneumonia. He does request no visitors at the time.

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, - Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, - Room 73B, request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes, IN

Marge Beamon, The Villages at Oak Ridge, -1694 Troy Rd. Washington, IN 47501

Home

Bruce Deckard

Gary Meyer

Michael Lankford

Gayle Huffer

Ellen Riggs



If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (co-chair 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 (co-chair), Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY in the parking lot needs books for all ages. Please bring your used books in good condition and share them with others. Take a book for yourself. Books from the library may be kept, returned or passed on.

BUS TRIP TO FOX THEATRE IN ST. LOUIS: Join us on Thursday, November 7th for a day trip to see The Neil Diamond Musical, A Beautiful Noise, based on his life and music. The cost is \$150 and includes round trip bus transportation from Robinson, IL, admission to show, dinner at Niemerg's on the way home. This trip is being organized by Sheri Stodghill and flyers are available in back of sanctuary. If we have 12+ folks going from Vincennes, the bus will pick us up in the Walmart parking lot approximately 8am.

NEXT SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY We will kick-off with a church breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Worship will include the Cereal Drop, Bible Presentation, Dedication of the new Pray-Ground and **OPENING OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE!** Don't Miss out!

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will take place in worship on September 15th. Music (including our 175 anthem by Trevor Murry) will be provided by the Choir, the children will sing as will Jonathan Clark. We will host the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, the UCC President and General Minister in our pulpit. A catered meal will follow with messages from Rev. Al Willhouse and others. It will be a great day of celebration and we hope everyone will join us!

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Ed Cummings
Head Usher	Krisi Mattingly
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Sandra Lange
Sound	Lonny Vieck
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Conway and Arlene Wilson

Volunteer's are needed to help set up the cereal drop on Saturday September 8, at 1pm .

**You may place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary or online at myucc.org and clicking on the *contribute* button. Please prayerfully consider setting up regular online donations to continue our outreach into the community.



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



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, September 1

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am Choir Resumes Singing
Children's Church

MONDAY, September 2

Labor Day Office Closed
Evangelism & Membership 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 4

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, September 5

Dinner & Conversation Old Chicago 6pm

FRIDAY, September 6

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, September 8

Rally Day Breakfast

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Cereal Drop
Children's Church

MONDAY, September 9

Babe Sore 12-5:30 pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm

TUESDAY, September 10

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 11

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, September 12

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30 pm
Dinner & Conversation American Table 6pm