

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

September 8, 2024

Mark 7:24-37

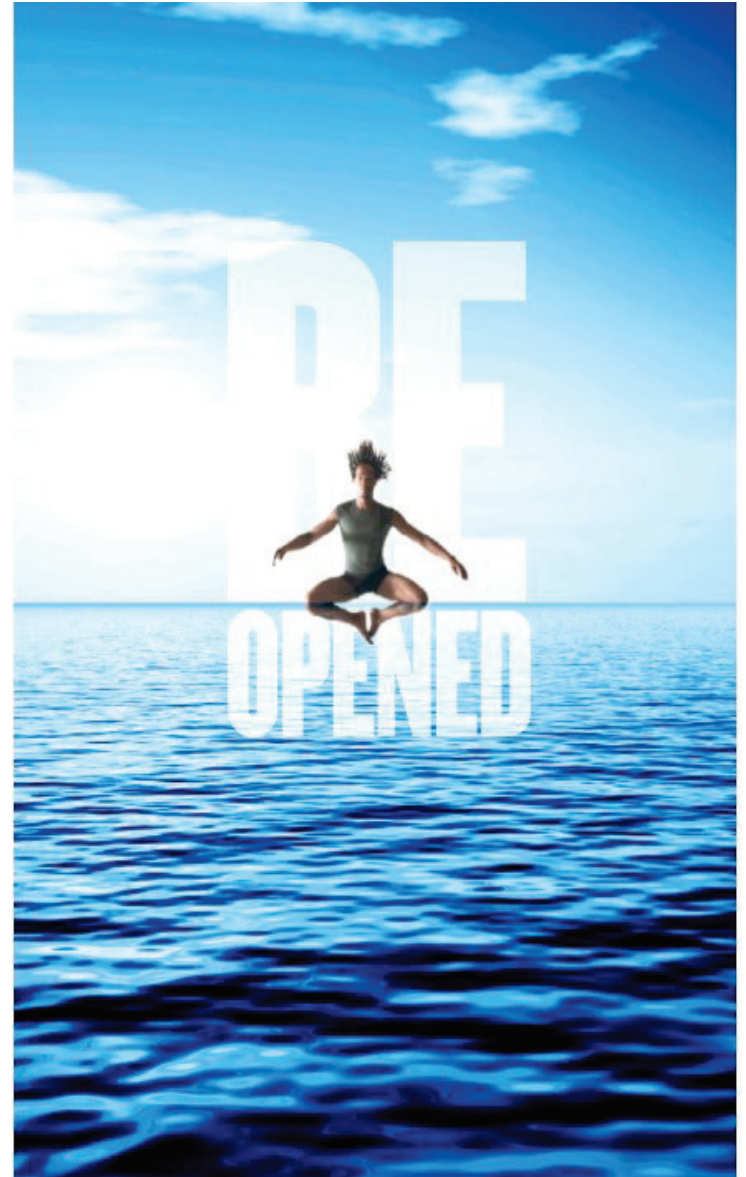
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St. John's United Church of Christ
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. **Bold print** is everyone in unison

Rally Day

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Come now and worship our generous and faithful God.

God calls us to life and to share in all of God's abundance.

Come and worship and let us sing songs of joy and thanks.

We worship with our lives, our hearts, our voices and our actions.

***OPENING HYMN** *Help Us Accept Each Other* (vs. 1 & 2) #487
 (sung to *The Church's One Foundation* #272)

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

Lord, make our lives reflect what the gospel is about so that others around us might yearn for the transforming power of Jesus displayed in all we do; that we would step out of our comfort zone, firmly rooted in unshakable faith to become radical for Jesus' sake. Be with us and move through us during this time of worship. Amen.

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

OPENING OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

BIBLE PRESENTATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Cereal Drop & Pray-Ground Dedication *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)

God only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! 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: Psalm 125

New Testament: Mark 7:24-37

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

ANTHEM *Listen With Your Heart* Nix

MESSAGE *An Encounter with Jesus*

***CLOSING HYMN** *Help Us Accept Each Other* (vs. 3 & 4) #487
 (sung to *The Church's One Foundation* #272)

***BLESSING** (responsively)

We depart this place as those sent by God to bring healing and hope to a hurting world. Instead of a word of doubt, let us offer words of hope; instead of the words of derision, the words of praise; instead of the words of animosity, the words of love.

Let us go in the name and in the power of God to be the church. Amen.

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

* **POSTLUDE**

**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.



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.**
- Don Black Sr. has been released from the hospital and is now recovering at home. Please keep him in your 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,- Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Aperion Care - (Willow Manor under new ownership) C&D Hall Room 35, 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.

MESSY CHURCH is on track to launch on November 6th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Our theme is **Celebrate Harvest!** **Activities** will include a variety of crafts, such as making a birdfeeder, a gratitude game, making gingerbread, and more! **Dinner** will be mini corn dogs, mac & cheese, and raw veggies. **Worship** will be interactive and include a recap of everything we learned. Our Core Team is doing an **AWESOME** job preparing for this event and we will soon have flyers for you to share with others. We will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

How can you help with Messy Church? Volunteer to lead an activity (you don't have to do it every month, just when you are available); help in the kitchen; assist with set-up or clean-up; there are so many ways to get involved as much or as little as you can. We appreciate everyone's help. We will also post lists of items we need to prepare for future crafts. Currently, we are looking for:

Cardboard tubes from paper towels or toilet tissue rolls (may be dropped off at the church office.

A "Paint Spinner" toy

Someone with a Cricut to cut out needed shapes (on occasion)-Please let Pastor know.

Prayers for our new venture to share God's love with others.

We are so excited to be starting this new ministry and look forward to everyone becoming involved as they are able.

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. You can 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 the show, and dinner at Niemerg's on the way home. Sheri Stodghill is organizing this trip, and flyers are available in the back of the sanctuary. If we have 12+ folks going from Vincennes, the bus will pick us up in the Walmart parking lot.

The 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will take place in worship on NEXT SUNDAY! The choir will provide music (including our 175 anthem by Trevor Murry); 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, Rev. Lynn Marino, 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	Terry Goodman
Head Usher	Krisi Mattingly
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
Greeters	Marvin & Sandee Covey



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 8

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

MONDAY, September 9

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

TUESDAY, September 10

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 11

Christian Ed 6 pm
 Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, September 12

Technology Committee 10 am
 Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30 pm
 Dinner & Conversation American Table 6pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, September 15

175 Anniversary Celebration Luncheon
 Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
 Worship 10:30 am
 Children's Church

MONDAY, September 16

Babe Store 12-5:30 pm
 Friends 5-6:15 pm
 Worship Comm. 6 pm
 Church Board 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 18

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, September 19

Dinner & Conversation Ponderosa 6pm

