



St. John's United Church of Christ
Seventh Sunday of Easter
 June 1, 2025



* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so.

Bold print is everyone in unison

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)

CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship)

PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

God has called us to freedom through Jesus Christ.

No longer under the law, we may serve one another in love.

God has given us the Spirit, that our lives may be fruitful at his service.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

* **OPENING HYMN** *He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought!* (vs. 1 & 2) #545

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

O God, who has set us free through Jesus Christ, let your spirit work among us and within each of us during this hour, that we may learn to be more Christ-like. Help us to be servants of all and join us in our worship. Amen.

* **RESPONSE** *Christ Arose* (chorus) #224

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

MEMORIAL MOMENT-*Shirley W. Black*

OFFERING INVITATION**

Let us present our grateful offerings to further God's mission.

* **RESPONSE** *In the Garden* (v.1) #227

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Source of life, receive the gifts we offer; and let all our service give you glory and praise. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *He Lives* (chorus)

#226

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 97:10-12

New Testament: John 17:20-26

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Unity is Difficult

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** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (vs. 1 & 3) #16

* **BLESSING** (responsively)

May the blessings of God flow like a river within you, shine like sunlight from you, sparkle like the stars above you, and forever lead you on your way.

May we follow in the way of Christ always. Amen

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

* **POSTLUDE**

Announcements

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.

PENTECOST is June 8th. Everyone is encouraged to wear red to worship as we welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit.

DINNER & CONVERSATION will take place on Thursday at 6 pm at Procopio's. Everyone is welcome. Please sign the reservation sheet in back of church or call the church office by Tuesday noon.

FATHERS' DAY IS JUNE 15th. We will recognize fathers and those who are like a father to us with **Fellowship before worship** that morning.

No Summer Sunday School for children/youth during the summer months of June and July.

THE STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.** As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. This offering will be gathered during worship on Pentecost (June 8th).

The Annual Church Picnic, normally taking place in June, has been postponed until fall.

While we don't have a permanent church secretary, volunteers will be manning the office Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

Joys and Concerns

We ask for continuing prayer requests for: Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, Don Osborne, Jr. Pat Hutchinson and Family, Gayle Huffer, the family of Shirley Black, Brian Fillingim, Carol Graham, Jake Alexander, the family of Norma Meyer, Ray Pieper, Cora Schlag, Caden Utley, Paul Goodman, Mark Schutter, and Katrina Memering.

Shut-in Addresses:

Susie Milligan - Colonial Assisted Living, Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591
Leona Conway - Aperion Care, C Wing Room C-35, 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591
Marge Beamon - The Villages at Oak Ridge, Room 303, 1694 Troy Road, Washington, IN 47501
Carol Graham - BridgePoint Health Campus, Room 510, 1900 College Avenue, Vincennes, IN 47591

At Home:

Bruce Deckard
Gayle Huffer
Gary Meyer
Mike Lankford
Caden Utley

Until further notice, all prayer requests or updates should be relayed to Janet Goodman instead of the church office. Email: terrybaseball@gmail.com
Text or phone call: 812-887-2797.

This Week in the Life of St. John's

Sunday, June 1st

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Communion

Thursday, June 5th

Dinner & Conversation Group
At Procopio's, 6 pm

Monday, June 2nd

Babe Store Open 12 - 5:30 pm
Evangelism & Membership 6:50 pm
Friends 5 - 6:15 pm

Friday, June 6th

Phoebe's Mission 4:30 - 6 pm

Looking Ahead In June

Sunday, June 8th

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Pentecost - Wear **RED**
Strengthen The Church offering

Wednesday, June 11th

Christian Ed Mtg. 6 pm

Sunday, June 15th

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
Fellowship Time

Monday, June 9th

Babe Store Open 12 - 5:30 pm
Friends 5 - 6:15 pm
Outreach & Benevolence 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 12th

Technology Mtg. 10 am
Dinner & Conversation Group
At Coco's, 6 pm

Monday, June 16th

Babe Store Open 12 - 5:30 pm
Friends 5 - 6:15 pm
Music Worship 6 pm
Church Board 7 pm



Staff and Volunteers

Pastor:	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist:	Bill Lathrop
Head Usher:	Michelle Grube
Organist:	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist:	Becky Brockman
Children & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant:	Darcie Bahr
Projection:	Jill Doggett
Sound:	Jonathan Lange
Church Board President:	Ed Cummings

Did You Know?

St. John's Sunday Morning Worship Services are streamed **LIVE** on our church's Facebook page, "**St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes.**"

Or, you can watch the Worship Service at your convenience by going on the church website, "**myucc.org**" and clicking on "Worship Service" for a particular date.

You can also download a copy of each monthly **church newsletter** from our church website to keep up with all the activities.