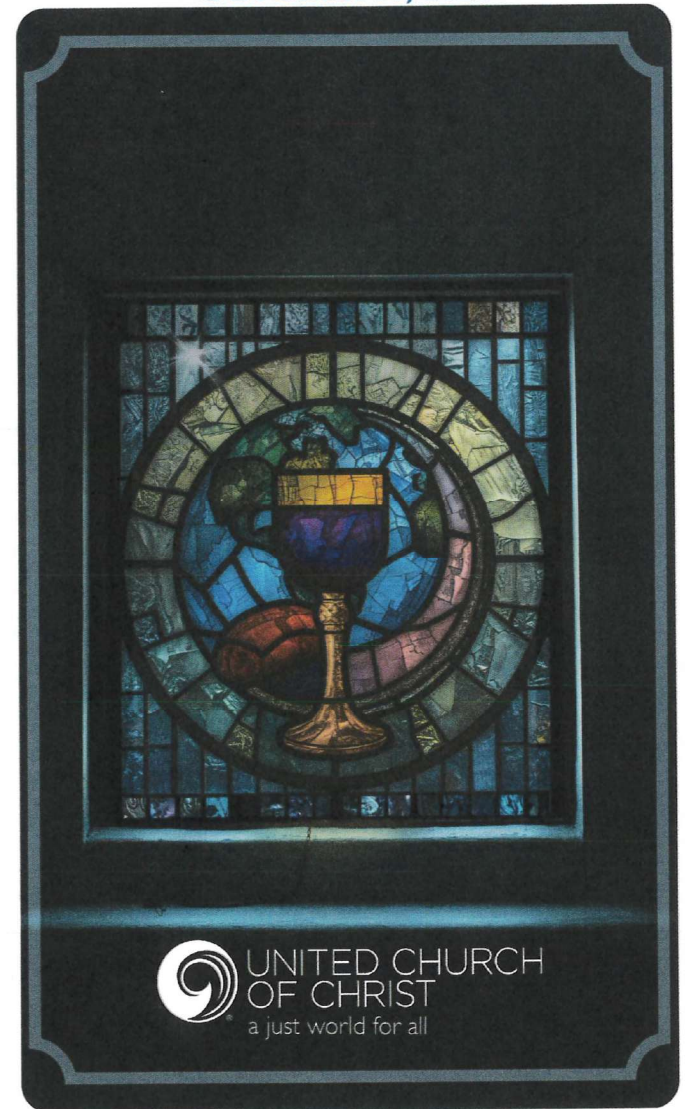


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St. John's United Church of Christ
Mission Works Sunday
 October 11, 2026



* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. L=Leader, P=People

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL (the bell calls us to worship)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

A dream revealed, a mission received. God calls, again and again.

God beckons us to follow, to love, to serve, to give, again and again.

God invites us to embrace the lonely, to feed the hungry, to tell of Jesus,

To love and serve, and to sing praises all our days.

***OPENING HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* (vs. 1 & 3) #72

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

Holy One, we gather to worship secure in the knowledge that each one of us is precious in your sight; trusting in the understanding that you will never stop searching for any who are lost. We praise you with unbounding joy, knowing there is truly no God but you. Amen.

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

MISSION MOMENT Phoebe's Mission & Kid's Hope Eric Meyer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Will Meyer

MISSION MOMENT Laundry Love & Gleaning Jana Vieck

OFFERING INVITATION**

God is so good and we are richly blessed. Let us give back to God with gratitude and thanksgiving.

MISSION MOMENT

Blessing Box

Elaine Workman

***RESPONSE** *Now Thank We All Our God* (v.1) #715

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Help us be open to the possibilities of what we can do Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

BABE Store

Cindy Deckard

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

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

ANTHEM

I Remember You

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 25: 31-45

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

MISSION MOMENT

Sandy's Pantry

Brenda Fillingim

MISSION MOMENT

Benevolence Committee

Larry Marchino

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* (vs. 1 & 3) #543

***BLESSING** (responsively)

You represent Jesus to a world without hope. Live into that mission. Wear his name proudly. Make him known among all people.

May the God of all creation protect us as we live bold and courageous lives for Christ! 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.

FAITH VENTURES is our Faith Formation program (formerly Sunday School) for grades K-6th. Participants leave with the teachers following the Children's Moment and return by end of service. Younger children are invited to play quietly under parental supervision in the Playground in the back of the sanctuary.

MESSY CHURCH on November 4th from 5:30-7:00 pm is **GROWING GENEROSITY** based on 2 Corinthians 8-11: *And God is able to provide you with every blessing^[a] in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* Activities will include painting rocks, Generosity Tag, a Treasure Toss, Care Kits in a Sock, and more! Join us for this awesome event.

BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES will take place during the Children's Moment on Oct. 25th and all children are asked to wear their Halloween costumes to worship.

REFORMATION SUNDAY is October 25th. Everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** for the Holy Spirit.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES on Saturday, October 17th (NOTE: DATE CHANGE) to watch our own Delaynee Coomes compete in Dirt Track racing at Red Hill Raceway in Sumner, IL. Sign up to attend on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. The entrance fee is \$25 (cash only facility) and hot laps begin at 7:30 pm. More details to come. If we have enough people, we may take the church van. Let's turn out and support Delaynee!

FELLOWSHIP TIME HELP: Please sign up to help with Fellowship Time at 9:45 on October 11th, November 15th and December 20th. A clipboard is in the back of the sanctuary.

PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE: Pastor's Call Agreement allows for two weeks study leave each year. Currently she is in Scotland visiting the Abbey on the Isle of Iona a number of cathedrals and chapels throughout the country. On a fun note, she will be having tea aboard the Hogwart's Express (a.k.a. the Jacobite Steam

Engine), and visiting other historical sites. She will be away from the pulpit on October 11th & 18th, returning in time for Reformation Sunday on October 25th.

NEXT SUNDAY the Youth will be leading the worship service under Will's guidance. Everyone is invited to attend and support our youth.

UNITED STATES OF KINDNESS is a movement to complete 250 acts of kindness in celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States. We encourage everyone to perform one act of kindness per day for the rest of the year.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT on October 18th at 5:00 pm will feature *The Way* starring Martin Sheen. Thomas Avery (Sheen) is an American ophthalmologist from Ventura, California, who goes to France following the death of his estranged adult son, Daniel, killed in the Pyrenees during a storm while walking the *Camino de Santiago* (the Way of St. James), a Christian pilgrimage route to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. Tom's purpose is initially to retrieve his son's body. However, in a combination of grief and homage to his son, Tom decides to walk the ancient spiritual trail where his son died, taking Daniel's ashes with him. Jana Vieck will be leading this session and a light dinner will be served. Please sign the clipboard in back of sanctuary so we can plan the meal.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY/TOTENFEST will take place in worship on November 1st. We will remember those of our church who have entered into eternal life during the past year: Vern Houchins, Ellen Riggs, Marjorie Beamon, and Rev. Al Wilhouse. A candle will be lit, the bell rung, and yellow roses will be in honor of each person recognized.

THERE OUR HEARTS SHALL BE is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign which kicks off in October. We will be sharing our dreams for our congregation as we approach our Stewardship Sunday on November 15th. During the past 18 months of Visioning gatherings, we have heard a lot of the dreams church members have for our congregation. Let's work together to make those dreams into reality.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Indigenous People's Day.