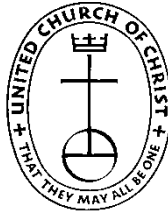


September 10, 2017 – 10:00 am
14th Sunday After Pentecost
ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Our mission is to worship and serve God
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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

*Please stand if comfortably able

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Marc Jordan

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: **Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26**

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make his deeds known to all people!

**Many: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;
Dwell on all his wondrous works!**

One: Give praise to God's holy name!
Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

**Many: Pursue the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always!**

One: Remember the wondrous works he has done,
all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared -

**Many: You who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant,
and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

One: Because God remembered his holy promise
to Abraham his servant, and the children of Jacob, his
chosen ones.

**Many: That's how Israel came to Egypt, how Jacob became
an immigrant in the land of Ham.**

One: God made his people very fruitful,
More powerful than their enemies,

**Many: Whose hearts God changed so they hated his people
and dealt shrewdly with his servants.**

One: God sent Moses his servant and the one he chose,
Aaron.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: **#67 "Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling"**

(First four verses only)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

This is a festive day, glorious God, a day of remembering your faithfulness through the centuries, a time for celebrating your vibrant presence with us, a pause of anticipation for the seasons yet to be. We rejoice at the assurance that you take pleasure in us, that we are known by you, called by you, empowered by you to live honorably and humbly, in the spirit of Christ. We would exalt your name and sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you for the guidance and direction we need. Amen

*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14
Lay Liturgist (Page 79 in the Pew Bible)

EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:8-14
Lay Liturgist (Page 1383 in the Pew Bible)

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20
Pastor Rosemary (Pages 1195 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON: **“Jesus is here among us”** Pastor Rosemary

*HYMN OF RESPONSE:
#396 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

PASTORAL PRAYER beginning with silent personal prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #772**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
God alone fills us.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: "More Love to Thee" Carol Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY: **# 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**May these offerings help to free your people, O God,
from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual
caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one
another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of
your love shine through all our efforts to share our good
news. Keep us in the light when we are tempted to ignore
and violate your commandments. With these prayers, we
dedicate our gifts. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: **#454 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND
CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **#82 (Verse One)**

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

*POSTLUDE: "Finale"

C.L. Koch

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist - Lew Thomasino

Ushers – Ginny Ganschinietz & Hunter Brink