

July 2, 2017 – 10:00 am  
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
ST. JOHN  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**An Open and Affirming congregation  
where all are welcome**

Our mission is to worship and serve God  
in our church, community, and the world.



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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

\*Please stand if comfortably able

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "America, the Beautiful"

Mark Hayes

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God.

We have been led to this mountaintop of worship.

**Many: We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.**

**We gather, seeking the way of salvation and peace.**

One: God has made an everlasting covenant with us.

Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

**Many: Sometimes we think God has forgotten us.**

**Often we do not understand what God expects of us.**

One: God deals bountifully with us in much that we take for granted. God shows us the value of life and helps us celebrate it.

**Many: We bring our sorrow and pain to this healing time.**

**May God provide what we need to grow in Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN: #543

**"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION:

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within that gift here and now. Help us, Loving God. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

\*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: Genesis 22:1-14 Lay Liturgist  
(Page 23 in the Pew Bible)

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:40-42 Pastor Rosemary  
(Page 1182 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON: “Is Your Receiver Turned On?”

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed 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 #773

**Remember me, remember me, O Jesus remember me.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Henry A Cesar Malan

\*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: **We bring our offering,  
not with thought of reward, but because we are grateful. We  
give, not from guilt over having much, but because it is such**



**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer* Wayne Schlosser.

*And prayers for healing:* Ardella Morris, Alan Canterbury, Darleen Bax, Darlene Schaperkoetter, Dave Seneczyn, Olivia Captain, Logan McGarrity,

*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** – Nancy Eisenhauer

**Ushers** – Jane and Brenna Cohlmeier

*Activities of the church:*

**Today** - Join us for refreshments after worship

**Tuesday** - Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Friday** - Pastor Rosemary begins her vacation. Call the office at 397-6323 or Judy at 520-1007.