

September 17, 2017 – 10:00 am
15th 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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus"

Martin Nystrom

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on **Psalm 103**

One: Let our whole being bless the Lord!
Let everything inside us bless his holy name!

**Many: Let our whole being bless the Lord
and never forget all his good deeds.**

One: The Lord works righteousness,
does justice to all who are oppressed.

**Many: God made his ways known to Moses;
Made his deeds known to the Israelites.**

One: He doesn't deal with us according to our sin
Or repay us according to our wrongdoing,

**Many: Because as high as heaven is above the earth,
That's how large God's faithful love is
for those who honor him.**

One: All you heavenly forces, bless the Lord!
All you who serve him and do his will, bless him!

**Many: All God's creatures, bless the Lord!
Everywhere, throughout his kingdom,
let our whole being bless the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN: #52 "O How I Love Jesus"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with a
pillar of cloud that hid them by day and protected them by
night, lead us through the threatening times in which we live.
Save us from the floods of our own misplaced trust, as you
saved them from the waters of the sea and the weapons of
their pursuers. On this day, grant strength to those who are**

weak and support for all who are stumbling. Let every tongue praise you as we give account to you of our deeds. 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 14:19-31
Lay Liturgist (Page 83-84 in the Pew Bible)

EPISTLE READING: Romans 14:1-12
Lay Liturgist (Page 1383 in the Pew Bible)

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18: 21-35
Pastor Rosemary (Pages 1195 - 1196 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON: **“I’m Sorry”** Pastor Rosemary

*HYMN OF RESPONSE:
#286 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

A. J. Gordon

*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 honor you, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your children. We are accountable to you and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to yourself. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: #531 "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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: "Triumphal March"

Edward Grieg



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer:* Tom and Jan Miller

And prayers for healing: Ardella Morris, Alan Canterbury, Darlene Schaperkoetter, Dennis Ford, Terry Kissel, Joyce Richards, The Victims of Harvey & Irma Hurricanes

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 - Anne Brown

Ushers – Jim Eisenhauer & Rosemary Williams

Activities of the church:

Monday - Evening Circle, 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Boy Scouts



Pray for our brothers and sisters In Illinois South Conference

Prayer list for Sept 17 - Sept 23, 2017 Churches & Pastors -

- Freeburg St. Paul's UCC, Rev. Earl (Johanna) Crecelius Jr.
- Godfrey Congregational UCC, Pastor Julie Kies
- Retired Pastor- Rev. Donald & Anne Sabbert, Crestwood, MO

People with Life Concerns - Pray for Rev. Bob and Nancy Tripp as Nancy deals with health issues. Rev. Tripp is a member of the ISC Church & Ministry Church Committee. They are members of Pana United in Faith Church. Cards may be sent to 9008 E South Cir Dr, Effingham IL 62401.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT CLEAN UP BUCKETS

Clean Up Bucket Day Please Help Us!!

Clean Up Bucket day will be Thursday, September 21, at St. John UCC in Collinsville 307 W. Clay St., Collinsville IL 62234

Drop off the specific items for the buckets by 9 am Assembly of buckets begins at 10 am.

Bring completed buckets between 10 am and 2 pm.

Before Sept. 18th - Please let Priscilla know if, what, and how many buckets or items you/your c

hurch will provide. This is important so the transporter will know what size truck to bring. We will be communicating that information with them on Sept. 18.

Email Priscilla or call 618-318-0083.

Volunteers will be needed to help with assembly and loading the truck on September 21.

Arrangements have been made with Stock Transport to have a truck there for us to load and they will transport them to the Corpus Christi/Houston area - exact location to be determined yet.

There are three UCC churches that are accepting the clean-up buckets and hygiene kits to be distributed. Priscilla will contact them to see where the most need is at that time.

CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Supplies needed:

One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)

Four scouring pads

Seven sponges, including one large

One scrub brush

Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)

One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent

One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap

One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)

One package of 48-50 clothespins

Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.

Five dust masks

Two pairs non surgical latex gloves

One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather

24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton

One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75 Processing fee: \$3 per Kit

*Do not enclose money inside the kits or in the shipping boxes. Find shipping and donation instructions at cwskits.org.



Polka Communion Sunday!

October 1
10:00 a.m.

Join us on World Communion Sunday for a fresh view of communion. Polka Connection will lead us in singing hymn words to polka tunes during our Sunday worship service.

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