

**August 19, 2018 – 10:00 am**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**ST. JOHN UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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



**Give thanks and praise.**

**We are an Open and Affirming congregation,  
where all are welcome.**

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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.

PRELUDE: "**We Worship You**", arr. Whaley

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.  
Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

**MANY: The works of God are all around us.**

**Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.**

One: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.  
We are people of the covenant,  
gathered to please God.

**MANY: Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

One: Come, then, as wise and faithful people.  
Come as a beloved community of the  
redeemed.

**MANY: We are amazed that God remembers us.**

**We reach out to the God who cares for us.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 26 "**We Worship You, God**"

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts  
and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw  
us together to praise you and to celebrate your  
wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign  
within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us**

**to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 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.**

**EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20 Lay Liturgist**

**SUNG PSALM RESPONSE: PSALM 111 NCH PAGE 696**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:51-58**

**SERMON: "What Are You Hungry For?"**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE:**

**NCH 423 "Great is Your Faithfulness"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**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 769**

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES**

**OFFERTORY: "He is Exalted", arr. Butler**

**\*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:**

**Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to share with others some of what we have received. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN:**

**NCH 329 "Jesus, the Joy of Living Hearts"**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Amen, Amen, Amen"**

**POSTLUDE: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior", arr. Snow**

**"Our worship has ended – Now our service begins."**



**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer* the family of Bill & Trisann Underwood.

*Prayers for the family of Russ Hursey.*

*And prayers for healing:* LaVerne Kistler, Ted Bauer, Syd Safriet, Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Ardella Morris, Eric White, Eileen Cox, Kenneth Case

***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** – Sue Williams

**Ushers** – Ginny Ganschinetz & Sue Williams