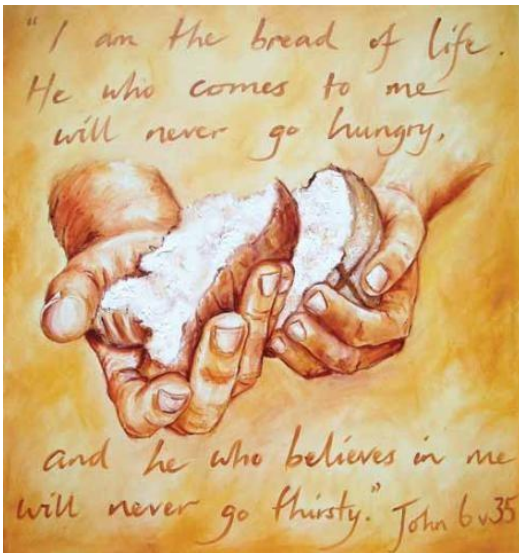


August 26, 2018 – 10:00 am
14th Sunday after Pentecost

ST. JOHN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



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

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

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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: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” James Mansfield

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: With profound happiness, we welcome one another. How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

**MANY: Happy are those who live in God’s house!
Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.**

One: Here we welcome both friend and stranger. All peoples of the earth are God’s children.

MANY: We greet one another by name in Jesus’ name. Together we extol the name of our God.

One: Open your hearts to receive new strength. Open your lives to renewed understandings.

**MANY: Surely God will equip us to face our world.
We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.**

***OPENING HYMN: NCH 319**

“Sing Them Over Again to Me”

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God, to give us everything we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life’s necessities for

your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in your name. 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 6:10-20 Lay Liturgist

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:56-69**

SERMON: John 6:67 "Do you also want to leave?"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:**

NCH 519 "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with Silent Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 775

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

**OFFERTORY: "Meditation on Blessed Assurance"
Stewart Landon**

***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 our giving add strength to the witness of your church as we humbly seek your truth and lovingly share it. Ready us to proclaim the gospel of peace in our homes, in our places of work and leisure, throughout our community and the world. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:**

NCH 573 "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 75 Verse 1**

**Lord, make me more holy; Lord, make me more holy.
Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "Jubilate Deo" Edward H. Wetherill