

July 22, 2018 – 10:00 am
9th Sunday after Pentecost

ST. JOHN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



Everyone who touched him was healed

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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.

GUEST MUSICIANS: Mary Lou Baum, Tami Hughes, and Kate Hughes

PRELUDE:

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Ephesians 2:11-22
We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—
members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters
to one another. There are no outsiders here among us,
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.
For we have been brought together by the redeeming
love of Jesus. Let’s join together in worship!

*OPENING HYMN: **“Morning Has Broken”** On screen

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation
of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have
been far away from you in our thoughts and separated
from you in much that we do. Now we are together,
seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We
call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing.
We feel your compassion for us and for all your
children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and**

renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.

Let us give God our thanksgiving and praise.

***GLORIA PATRI”**

**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: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Lay Liturgist**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

SERMON: “The Wonder of Touch”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 505
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

Beginning with silent personal 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:

***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:**

**Because you have compassion on us, Steadfast Love,
you do not hold anything back, but fill us with your
good gifts. May we share from our abundance, as well
as from our need, so our offerings might be an
enduring witness to your hope, your peace, and
your healing for all. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold Amen
"Amen, Amen, Amen"**

POSTLUDE:

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



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer* Elaine Whitney
And prayers for healing: LaVerne Kistler, Ted Bauer, Syd
Safriet, Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Russ Hursey, Jeanette
Brown, Roger Fox, Ardella Morris, Pastor Rosemary, Eric White

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 – Jan Miller

Ushers – Jane & Brenna Cohlmeier

Activities of the church:

Every Sunday - Adult Sunday school at 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Boy Scouts 7 p.m.

Thursday - AA meeting 7 p.m.

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