

June 3, 2018 – 10:00 am
Second Sunday of 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.

*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.

PRELUDE: **“Walking with the Master” Louise E. Stairs**

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Listen, for your name is being called. Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

MANY: We have come to observe a sabbath time. We have gathered to worship at God’s command.

One: Listen for the unfamiliar voice you have ignored. Listen for the solemn charge God gives.

MANY: We are called away from things we have pursued as gods. Our iniquity has separated us from the one true God.

One: Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God! God’s light is ready to shine in our hearts.

MANY: Even clay jars can be open to the light. May the power of light cleanse and heal us!

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 459**

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 139:1-4, 23-24

“Lord, you have examined me. You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from

far away, you comprehend my plans. You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways. There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts! Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path!"

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 139:5-9, 17-18 "You surround me – front and back. You put your hand on me. That kind of knowledge is too much for me that I can't fathom it. Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went to the grave, you would be there too! If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean – even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight! God, your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless! If I tried to count them – they outnumber grains of sand! If I came to the very end – I'd still be with you."**

Let us give God our thanks and praise!

***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.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 2:23-3:6

SERMON:

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH 503**

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

PASTORAL 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 773**

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

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: **“Lead Me, Savior” Roger C. Wilson**

*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: **All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we**

**offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another,
even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**

***HOLY COMMUNION: Pastor Rosemary**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: We have come to the
Lord's table, we have eaten the bread of heaven.
God is the one who will transform us so that we can
see with Jesus' eyes hear with Jesus' ears
speak with Jesus' mouth; so that we can be the body of
Christ in the world, proclaiming the good news of the
kingdom. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 499 "In All Our Living"**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 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
I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

POSTLUDE: "Echo Fanfare" Lani Smith

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