

February 24, 2019 – 10:00 am
ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



Luke 6:37

“Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged.”

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- **Please respond with words in bold print.**
- *** Please stand if comfortably able.**
- **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE BELL CALLS US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” William Croft**

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow? Find me at your table,

MANY: share your food

One: Find me in your resources,

MANY: share your riches

One: Find me in your power,

MANY: share your mercy

One: Find me in your pain,

MANY: share your forgiveness

One: Find me in your generosity,

MANY: share all, and expect nothing in return

One: In community,

MANY: seek my holiness, shown in love, in generosity, in joy.

One: In the world,

MANY: share my desire: justice, mercy, peace for all.

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 419**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Holy One, you are deep within our world, calling us to join you in creating abundant life for all. Open our hearts to recognize you. Free us to trust your call and

follow; Enable us to repent, and forgive, and join in your work to make “all things new”. 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: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Lay Liturgist**

**PSALM READING: Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
Lay Liturgist**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON: “When Will You Children Behave?”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 475
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

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 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.**

INVITATION TO SHARING:

OFFERTORY: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Dorothy Wells

***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:**

**Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them
give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your
people. Amen**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 416 "I Will Trust in the Lord"**

***UNISON BENEDICTION:**

**Send us into the world, O Holy One,
Ready to witness to your generosity and forgiveness
Ready to be recognized as those who follow your Way
Ready to shape a world of justice, peace and joy.
Amen.**

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

***POSTLUDE: "Surely, Goodness, & Mercy" Roger C. Wilson**