

**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**July 25, 2021**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

\*Please stand as you are able, in body or in Spirit.

Gathering Song

*"This is the Day"*

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

*"The peace of Christ be with you"*

*"And also with you"*

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

*adapted from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive and able to enjoy it.

**We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family.  
We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose  
struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttimes of loneliness.**

We gather in our church, virtually and in-person, to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

**May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest,  
sacred, and filled with hope.**

\*Hymn #303

*"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance

*from the UCC Book of Worship*

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Glory Be to the Father #704

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21

