

St. John's United Church of Christ
September 19, 2021
Seventeenth 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"*

Opening Music *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"* Brian Doerksen

*Call to Worship *from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*

God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

*Praise Song *"The Servant Song"* Richard Gillard

*Prayer of the Day *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Prayer for Illumination *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! Amen.

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Children's Sermon Roxanne Davenport

Special Music *"The Power of Your Love"* Geoff Bullock

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

