



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
May 28, 2023***

DAY OF PENTECOST & MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY

*Please stand 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**

by Rev. Amy Petré Hil

We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

Come Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter.

All are welcome in this sacred place, made holy through your presence with us.

Open our hearts and minds this day; guide us into a loving relationship with all your children.

We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

Spark us with a word of life and radical belonging—a message that we share with others as we seek to live out Christ's love.

We call on the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Amen.

***HYMN #225**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

***OPENING PRAYER**

by Dr. Tom Reynolds

O God, come into our place of worship this day and enliven us.

Come into each heart, each story, each prayer, each song, each life here today so that we may live and love with purpose, courage, and beauty.

O God, who has created each of us in your image and made us one body, each as holy vessels of your presence to one another, create in and among us a holy place.

Give us hearts and minds, we pray, to be open to human vulnerability; to listen to each other with patient and thoughtful attention and support; to perceive the grace of the differences in our embodied experience; to resist what excludes and diminishes, and to dismantle what acts as barriers to flourishing together in love and justice.

O God, help us to trust your Spirit's work to make us whole, together in relationships of mutuality and partnership, in sacred rhythms of giving and receiving.

Gather us together to be your people in the world.

In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

ANTHEM

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Greg Gilpin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Harold Collier

Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

by Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith

In all that we do, all that we say, and that we give, may we support the wellbeing and flourishing of all of your creation. May these gifts help to build the community of care and compassion that we hope to create. May they be a legacy of justice, hope, faith and most importantly love. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal Companion C-76

We celebrate communion this day by intinction, coming forward to the altar to receive the bread and cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available.

***HYMN #267 (insert)**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

***CLOSING PRAYER**

by Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe

The One who created all that is calls us by name and invites us into a life of abundant Love.

We go out into the world as God's beloved people, bringing Holy Love to all whom we meet.

Jesus taught us to love one another as fiercely and freely as God loves each of us, with the power that binds us together as the Body of Christ.

We will embody Christ by loving and welcoming all, leaving no one outside.

The Spirit fills us with the Breath of Life and urges us to imagine anew how to be Church in the world today.

We will breathe deeply and move beyond what has been and what is. We will follow the Spirit and bring hope and healing to all who live in despair and brokenness. We will be the Church!

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

All are welcome at Christ's table. To let the church office know that you communed today, please sign the black attendance pad found in each row.

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

Birthdays this week: 5/29 Jerry Miller, Nathaniel Widmann and Sutton Collier; 5/30 W Richard Rebok , Hayden Johnson and Noah Wright; 5/31 Melinda Orndorff and Amanda Gillan; 6/03 Mark Reichelderfer and Cheryl Sollenberger

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Mike Herbert
Lector	Judy Hodges
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of Don W. Rockwell, family and friends by Carol Rockwell

St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ
as a congregation that welcomes everyone,
and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

Worship Resources:

Call to Worship written by Rev. Amy Petré Hill

Opening Prayer written by Dr. Tom Reynolds

Prayer of Dedication written by Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith

Closing Prayer written by Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe

NEWS IN THE PEWS MAY 28, 2023

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 29

Church Holiday – Memorial Day Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

10:00 am Summer Singers Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Yoga – Room 116
7:30 pm Amistad Praise Band Practice – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 31

3:30 pm SCCAP Circles Program – Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 2

5:00 pm Race Against Poverty – Downtown Chambersburg, registration at King Street Church lot

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am Workshop Healthy Congregations – Room 116

Sunday, June 4

10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary
11:00 am All Church Picnic following Worship – Church Lawn/Fellowship Hall

Join us! The St. John's Future Together Task Force invites you to the second of two workshops on Healthy Congregations, **Saturday, June 3, 9 am to 3 pm** in Room 116. This session will help us to respond to anxiety, manage conflict, respond to change, act flexibly and creatively, and plan for a healthier future. Lunch and child care will be provided. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, May 30** so we can make appropriate arrangements. YOUR voice and participation are important as we continue to journey together in faith.

All-Church Picnic will be after worship on Sunday, June 4. Join us for a simple meal and good fellowship with one another. All food will be provided; no need to bring anything.

Special Music With our choir and bell choir on hiatus in the summer, **you** are invited to provide special music during our worship services. A sign up is on the choir room door. Contact Gary Crum with any questions. Thank you for your support of our worship and music ministry!

Race Against Poverty- Registration can be done by going to raceagainstpoverity.org. You can then click on already "existing team" and register as part of St. John's UCC team for the race being held on Friday, June 2. All registration fees go to support the Circles program of SCCAP (South Central Community Action Program). Check the May "Spirit" to learn the varied ways that St. John's is supporting this year's race. The Race Against Poverty (RAP) is our May First Fruits.

June Congregational Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, June 11.

Vacation Bible School Work Dates – Work dates for Vacation Bible School are as follows; Sunday, June 25; Sunday, July 9; Sunday, July 23. All work dates will be after Sunday services. Contact Roxanne Davenport with any questions.

Fit for a Queen Afternoon Summer Tea will be Saturday, June 24, 1 pm. Helpers will be needed on Friday, June 23, to assist with set up, as well as during the tea itself. More details coming soon. Save the date!

Cooking Classes are offered in our church kitchen by Josh Gibson. Find out more by visiting his website, <https://knivesnchef.com/>

Gleaning Project food preservation (canning/freezing) will be happening in our church kitchen on a monthly basis. Contact the Gleaning Project for more information, at (717) 492-6269. Donations of canning equipment, recipes, etc. are greatly appreciated.

Church Directory- We are currently updating our Church Directory, please contact the office if any of your information has changed! Copies of the new directory will be available on June 11.

Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting will be June 9-10 in Lancaster, PA. Pastor Caroline and Jerry Thomason will be attending in-person as members of the Conference Board of Directors and as St. John's delegates. Aaron Hartman will be attending as a delegate virtually.

The 2023 Juneteenth Freedom Celebration is Saturday, June 17, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at NETwork Ministries Garden, 10 Redwood Street, Chambersburg PA. Join in this community celebration to celebrate the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. Juneteenth (June 19) commemorates the day that word of freedom and the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 finally came to the people of Galveston, TX on June 19, 1865. Our Juneteenth celebration is free and open to the public featuring live entertainment, vendors, games and fun activities for adults and children, bounce houses, food for purchase (including an ice cream truck), a book giveaway for K-12, educational opportunities, and more.

Outdoor Worship Services will be the 3rd Sunday of the month in June, July, and August. In the case of inclement weather or extreme heat, we will worship inside the Sanctuary.

On Pentecost They Gathered

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1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2. The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all those who be - lieve,
 4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

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Lower key, No. 175

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.