



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
February 11, 2024***

CAMP 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"

CHIMING OF THE CAMP BELL

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. Jason W. Krug

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are here because God's Spirit calls us to worship.

We are here to offer praise for God's presence in our lives.

Camp is one of the special places where God speaks to us,

away from distractions and surrounded by community that is ideal.

Life changing experiences help us understand the power of God's love.

We are here to claim God's love is all around us. Let us worship God!

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, you know how much camp has meant to us. So many people feel your touch when they are able to take time away at camp, both campers and counselors alike. May they reflect and grow in love with you. Send aid to those who need a camp experience and are met with roadblocks. Seek out those who need retreat and meet them on the path. Peel away the thick forests of our lives and offer us a clearing of our heads and hearts. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96:11-13; Job 12:7-10

RESPONSIVE LITANY

"St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun"

O most High, almighty, good Lord God,

to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all creatures; and especially our brother the sun,

which brings us the day, and the light; fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor: O Lord, he signifies you to us!

Praised by my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars,

which God has set clear and lovely in heaven!

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind,
and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by which you uphold in life all
creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water,
which is very serviceable to us, and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire,
through which you give us light in the darkness; and he is bright, and
pleasant, and very mighty, and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth,
which sustains and keeps us, and yields diverse fruits, and flowers of many
colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all who pardon one another for God's love sake, and who endure
weakness and tribulation;
blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for you O most High, shall give
them a crown!

ANTHEM *"Love Your Neighbor"* Cindy Berry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Renee Byers

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:9-18

CAMP MESSAGE Roxanne Davenport

CONGREGATIONAL SONG #307 *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

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** *adapted from Prayers of the Faithful*

Gracious God, help us to use these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, to care for the
world God has given us. Grant that we may receive the grace to respect and care for
creation. Help all creatures to be blessed as a sign of God's wondrous love. Enable
us to work to end the suffering of those in poverty and bring healing to all of God's
creation. Encourage us to use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage
we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of nature. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(please follow along on the screen)

We celebrate communion this day using the pre-packaged communion cups

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG #519**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

May God set up camp in your heart. May Christ offer you bread and fish by the fire. And may the Holy Spirit be the flame that lights your way. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The “Nursery Nook in the Narthex” and play area in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

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.

Please join us for coffee hour in the lobby following the service. All are welcome!

Birthdays this week: 02/12 Christopher Willman-Bunge; 02/13 Richard Collier; 02/14 Aryn Martin (Rebok); 02/17 Donna Hilton

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Pianist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Mike Blumberg
Lector	Ken Dilling
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns
Coffee Hour Hosts	Camp Ministry
Bulletin cover	Chapel at St. John’s Camp

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given to the glory of God.



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.

St. John’s Mission

To grow in love of God and neighbor

NEWS IN THE PEWS February 11, 2024

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, February 12

7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room 207

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom

6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

6:00 pm Thursday Night Dance – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Bell Room 117

7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room 103

Saturday, February 17

6:00 pm Valentine's Day Dance – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 18

8:45 am Godly Play Class – Room 119

8:45 am Spark! Elementary Church School Class – Room 115

8:45 am Teen Discussion Class – Youth Room 206

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116

10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

First Fruits for February 2024 will be collected for United Way's Winter Warmth Drive on Sunday, February 11.

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner will be Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The meal is \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12, kids under 6 eat free (dine-in and carry-out). We'll need lots of help to make this event a success. Contact Harold or Susan Collier to volunteer.

Ash Wednesday service will be on Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE: As February is Black History Month, the ONA Ministry Team has scheduled the viewing and discussion of the film "13th" on February 18 here at the church. This event will follow the worship service on February 18 and will include a light lunch. Time period will be approximately three hours, including lunch, viewing and discussion. The documentary film reveals the complexity of, and often a misunderstanding of, the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. You will find this an enlightening and profound documentary film. We do ask you to pre-register for this event by February 11th by calling (717-263-8593) or email (manager@sjucc1811.org) to aid in having sufficient lunch supplies.

United Way Winter Warmth Drive runs January 15 to February 12. Collection boxes for items are located in the front and back lobbies. More details about requested items are in the January Spirit. Thank you for your support of individuals and families in our community!

Valentine's Day Dance our Valentine's Day dance featuring DJ Frank Hancock will be on February 17 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted.

Community Lenten Services will begin on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Please see Pastor Caroline's article in the February spirit for location and speaker.

Nursery School Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens on February 15 for in-house nursery school and church families. Forms are available in the nursery school hallway.

Online Giving Made Easy! Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

Puzzle Lending Library Please feel free to borrow a puzzle and/or donate a puzzle! Puzzles are available in the back of the library (room 106).

St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan copies are available at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, and by request from the Church Office.

2023 Year End Giving Statements Year end giving statements are now available. Contact the church office for your copy.

Weather Alert Bad weather could be upon us at any time. Remember that the church follows the CASD schedule. If school is cancelled for the day, all church activities are cancelled for the day. If school is delayed in the morning, all morning church activities are cancelled. If school is dismissed early, all evening church, activities will be cancelled. It is the goal to hold all scheduled worship services. When in doubt, safety first! Call the church office and select option 1 to hear a message. There will also be a special E-Blast sent with any information.

ALL GOD'S CRITTERS

All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do
And old cow just goes 'moo'

Well the dogs and the cats they take up the middle
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
The old coyote howls

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Listen to the top where the little bird sings
The melody with the high voice ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks and he's on his way
The 'possum don't have much to say
And the porcupine talks to herself

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Everybody here is a part of the plan
We all get to play in the great critter band
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea
It's one great symphony

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307 All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a-
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
 4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your
 5. Let all things their Cre-at-or bless, and wor-ship Him in hum-ble-

sing Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en
 long, O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in praise re-
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and
 part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row
 ness, O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the

beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
 joyce, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
 bright, that giv-est us both warmth and light, O praise Him,
 bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
 Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One,

WORDS: Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1925

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Higher key, No. 119

PRAISE AND ADORATION

O praise Him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
 2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The ser - vice is
 tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

WORDS: Omer Westendorf, 1964, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody

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end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
each tribe and race. With grace You now feed us, with light You now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we

all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

nite us to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.