



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
July 28, 2024***

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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 TRINITY & PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from enfleshed

We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.

We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates.

Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.

The Spirit leads us in power and truth.

Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin.

With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ.

***HYMN #458**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy and love of God, let us confess our sins to God and to 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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Duet: Gary Crum and Debbie Dilling

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21

RESPONSIVE READING

"The Glory of Your Kin-dom", a remix of Psalm 145

Kin-dom. Family. Assembly of relatives who approach the holy of holies boldly in varied tongues and postures:

I don't see you as my king but as my God, my beloved divine parent.

Kings get replaced, and imperial function is antithetical to the radical love of your justice.

I refuse to speak of a thing that doesn't reflect who I understand you to be.

Blessed be my Creator:

the God so devoid of ego that they topple hierarchies and cast vision for power that can be shared.

Blessed be the Holy One who hovers over the deep in me and calls forth life with me,
as she did at the dawn of creation.

Blessed be the Ancient of Days whose divine affection is present in so many things,
but often in and through the care of your children.

It is of you and the kin-dom formed in your name that I will speak,

so long as blood courses through my veins and breath occupies my body.

May we grow in love, grow in wisdom, and grow in grace as we work in unity for your sake; May the generations commend to one another the family of God;

May it provide resource and refuge for them in their times of need, forever and ever.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-21

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**

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.

Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #387**

"God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

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.

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

Birthdays this week: 07/29 Jackson Tucker; 07/30 Deanna Statler, Stacey Johnson and Jessica Hoffeditz; 07/31 Ryan Jr. Brown; 08/02 Arlene McFate

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Cathy Kinton
Lector	Connie Kaiser
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz & Ginny Cairns
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The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in honor of Gary Crum and the Summer Singers.



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

Worship Resources:

enfleshed: spiritual nourishment for collective liberation (enfleshed.com)

UCC Book of Worship

“The Glory of Your Kin-Dom” by Alicia T. Crosby, included in The Words of Her Mouth:

Psalms for the Struggle edited by Martha Spong

Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi

NEWS IN THE PEWS July 28, 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
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today: Summer Singers Concert @ 3 pm

Monday, July 29

10:00 am Meditation Group – Room 116
6:00 pm VBS

Tuesday, July 30

1:00 pm Nursery School Ministry Meeting – Room 116
5:30 pm Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm VBS
7:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 31

6:00 pm VBS

Thursday, August 1

7:00 am Men's Breakfast – Texas Lunch
6:00 pm VBS

Sunday, August 4

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
10:00 am Sunday Service – Fellowship Hall

Stuff the Bus! Collection of school supplies with United Way is underway! Visit the United Way website for more information. <https://www.uwfcpa.org/stuff-the-bus>

Jazz In The Garden: You're invited!! August 9 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the NETwork Community Garden, Redwood/South/Buchanan Streets in Chambersburg. Stop by and enjoy live music, performances and artwork from kids along with appetizers, food vendors, and opportunities to give, meet NETwork staff and visit our garden and ministry. Please RSVP by Monday, August 5 at networkchambersburg@gmail.com or 717-264-4640.

Bobby Jo Valentine: Join us for a Concert with Bobby Jo Valentine. A night of award-winning songs and stories here at St. John's on August 16, 2024 at 6 pm. There will be activities for kids from 4:30 pm-5:45 pm.

Blessing of the Animals Service will be held on Sunday, August 25 on the church lawn.

Organ Recital Join us on Sunday, September 29, 3:00 pm here in St. John's Sanctuary to hear beautiful music played by Ferree LeFevre. There will be a Freewill Offering and light refreshments to follow.

Family Fun Day will be on Sunday, September 29. Keep an eye out for more information.

Diana's Devotional Corner: Every week Diana Kongkeattikul writes a reflection that is posted to our website. We will now be offering a special Eblast weekly with these reflections/devotionals. If you would like to receive these directly, please let the office know so we can put you on the email list!

Volunteers Needed: Would you be willing to serve St. John's by being the lector/reader on a Sunday morning? Reach out to Judy Hodges via email or text.

Meditation Group Henry Hopper will be holding a Meditation Group every Monday at 10 am in room 116. New members are welcome. If interested please contact Henry Hopper at henhopper@aol.com or (717) 660 – 2325

NETwork Ministries, a local Christ-centered organization, is seeking two full-time staff members to lead their Kids Club and Middle School ministries with youth in downtown Chambersburg. For more details or to apply, please visit www.network-ministries.org/jobs.

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.

St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

Habitat Book Sale: The Habitat for Humanity book sale is fast approaching. Sale dates will be October 25, 2 pm – 8 pm, October 26, 9 am – 5 pm and October 27, 12 pm – 4 pm. Donations will be accepted here at St. John's starting September 3 through October 12.

Ladies Retreat: A St. John's Camp Ladies Retreat is being planned for Friday, 9/6 through Saturday, 9/7. Please join us for meaningful spiritual discussion and reflection, crafts, light yoga, meditation, get-acquainted games and delicious food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be in the church lobby area or you may call Diana Kongkeattikul at 717-552-0610.

Prayer Chain For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you'd like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can be emailed to Pastor Caroline, Loretta or Heather to be shared with the prayer chain.

458 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Unison

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble He
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy; bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where.

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Jamaican folk song; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

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LINSTEAD
 LM with refrain

Glory Be to the Father

104

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'

WORDS: Anonymous, 4th cent.
MUSIC: Christoph Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE
Irregular

706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low;"

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100TH, alt.
LM
Lower key, No. 331

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "praise Him, a-bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men."

God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us 387

1. God who made us, Christ who calls us, Breath who
 2. "Live Your Light with - in and through us, dawn in
 3. Give us cour - age, hum - ble cour - age. Give us
 4. God who made us, Christ who calls us, Breath who

guides us in the Way, hear the hum - ble words we
 us e - ter - nal day. Tell us, as we brave the
 faith that will not fail. Give us love with no ex -
 guides from deep with - in, may our lives of mum - bled

whis - per as we dare to bow and pray:
 dark - ness, when to speak and what to say.
 cep - tions. Through us let Your peace pre - vail."
 pray - ing end with Heav - en's clear "A - men."

WORDS: Terry W. York, 2006

MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

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GALILEE

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Higher key, No. 518