



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
July 7, 2024***

SEVENTH 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

MISSION MOMENT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B

God is with us wherever we go; let us together recognize God's presence here.

God is the Creator of our lives

and does not abandon us on life's pilgrimage.

We have known the steadfast love of God when we are faithful and when we stray.

We live in covenant with God,

who is our rock and our salvation.

We hear God calling us to covenant renewal,

offering us strength to overcome our weaknesses.

Come, let us join together and worship our God!

***HYMN #637**

"Guide My Feet"

***UNISON PRAYER**

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Help us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Help us to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. May we be peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Amen.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unbelieving, open our hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

RESPONSIVE READING

"Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Crosby/Knapp

Clarinet Duet: Gary Crum and Roxanne Davenport

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**

Gracious God, for hope and healing, and a sharing of all that enables us to thrive, we give you thanks. Bless these gifts that they may be signs of our intention to live simply, love generously, serve faithfully, and speak truthfully, for the good of your kingdom and your people. Let love be our guide and our way in the world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(communion liturgy on the screen)

We celebrate communion this day by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup)

***CLOSING HYMN #677**

"When We Are Tested"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

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. If you are communing from home, please contact the church office to let us know.

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: 07/10 Robert Archibald and Linda Zeger; 07/11 Betty Koontz, Kimberly Rzomp and R Kyle Myers; 07/12 Renee Byers; 07/13 William Slothower, Barbara Fisher, Elizabeth Nutter, Atley John Van Why and Annabella Burns; 07/14 Cassandra Rzomp

| Worship Participants: | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. Caroline E. Saxton |
| Organist | Barbara Motichka |
| Deacon in Charge | Cathy Kinton |
| Lector | Harold Collier |
| Media Coordinators | Calvin Frantz & Ginny Cairns |
| Bulletin cover | Edd Scheer |

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in loving memory of Patricia Saxton by her children David and Caroline.



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:

Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B by Lavon Baylor

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

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

"Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost

NEWS IN THE PEWS July 7, 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

Monday, July 8

10:00 am Meditation Group – Library Room 106
5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen

Tuesday, July 9

10:00 am Summer Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Yoga – Room 202
7:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 10

11:30 am Ladies Luncheon – Olive Garden

Thursday, July 11

7:00 am Men's Breakfast – Texas Lunch

Saturday, July 13

5:00 pm Saturday Night Worship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 14

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary
11:00 am VBS Work Day

Pastoral Coverage Pastor Caroline will be away attending the Wild Goose Festival in NC July 9-15. Rev. Bob Macfarlane will preach and preside at the Saturday Night Service on Saturday, July 13 and Rev. Peter Emig will preach and lead worship on Sunday, July 14. Rev. Julia Brown (Solomon's UCC in Chambersburg) and Rev. Irene Pouliot (Trinity UCC in State Line) are "on call" for pastoral emergencies. If a need arises, please contact the church office and they will get your message to one of the pastors on call. Pastor Caroline will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 16.

Saturday Night Worship will be on Saturday, July 13 at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a service of praise, prayer and preaching, featuring the Amistad Praise Band.

Vacation Bible School – Work dates for Vacation Bible School are Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, July 21, after Sunday services. There will be a volunteer meeting on July 22 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Vacation Bible School will run from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1. Contact Roxanne Davenport with questions.

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 the church library. 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.

A Friendly Call Coming soon – A friendly call from volunteers at St. John's. We want to check in and find out how you are doing. We will be using the telephone number found in the current directory. If that is incorrect, please notify the office.

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.

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, please let the office know so we can put you on the email list!

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.

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

Summer Singers: Summer Singers will be giving a concert at St. John's on July 28 at 3 pm.

Guide My Feet

637

1. Guide my feet
 2. Hold my hand
 3. Stand by me
 4. Search my heart

while I run this race,
 yes, my Lord!

guide my feet
 hold my hand
 stand by me
 search my heart

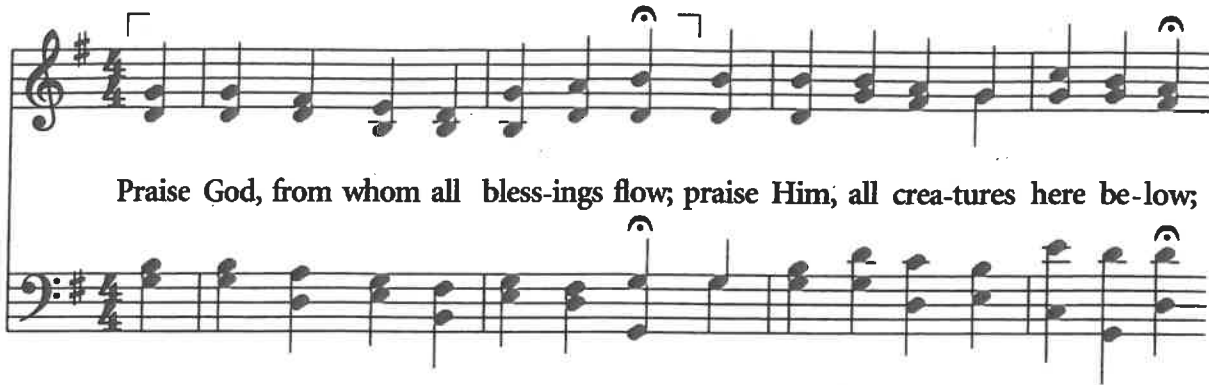
while I run this race,
 yes, my Lord!

guide my feet
 hold my hand
 stand by me
 search my heart

while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

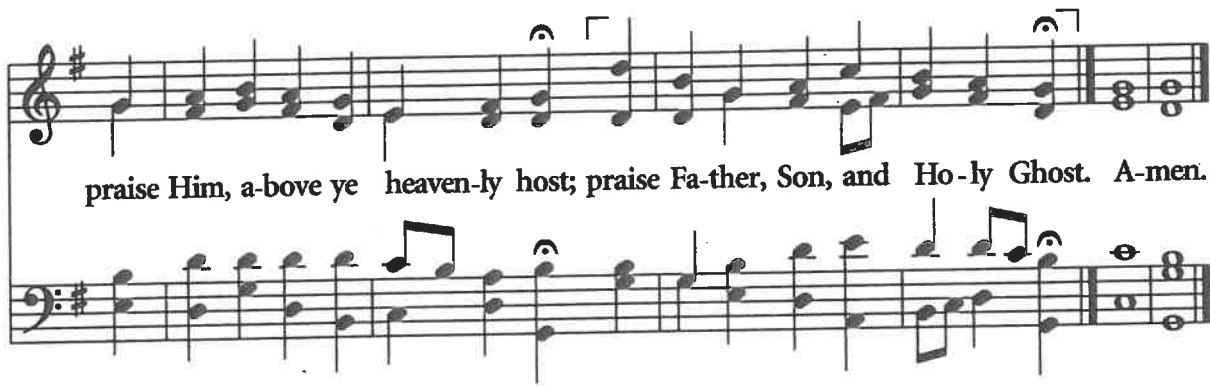
706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is 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 below;

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

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



Musical notation for the second system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

When We Are Tested

Unison

1. When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2. When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3. When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4. When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

nour - ish us, God, by Your word and Your way,
 lift us to love You be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly You,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing Your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing Your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1996

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; arr. David Allen, 1986

Words © 1996 Hope Publishing Company. Arr. © 1986 Word Music, LLC.

SLANE

10.10.10.10