



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
November 9, 2025***

AMOS: JUSTICE ROLLS DOWN

*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**

written by Rev. Mindi, posted on her Rev-o-lution blog

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

***HYMN #689**

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons and forgives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal Companion C-4

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Sisters and brothers and siblings, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 7:37-44

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 70 (The Inclusive Bible)

O God, save me! YHWH, help me, and hurry!

Let those who seek my life be humiliated and dazed! Let those who wish me harm flee in disgrace!

Those who jeer, "Aha! Aha!" – make them retreat, covered with shame!

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! Let those who love your salvation forever say, "God is great!"

As for me, I am wretched and poor, my God – hurry to my side!

You are my rescuer, my help; YHWH, do not delay.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(please follow along on the screen)

ANTHEM

"Standing on the Promises"

R. Kelso Carter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

(on the screen)

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 Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

***HYMN #688**

"Show Us How to Stand for Justice"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held after worship today!

A time of fellowship will follow the congregational meeting

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.

Birthdays this week: 11/10 Joanne Slothower; 11/11 Nancy Harrison; 11/13 William Hughes and Angela Miller.

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Peg Bryner
Lector	Chani Wolfe
Children's Corner	Chani Wolfe
Media Coordinators	Neath Ham and Heidi Ramos
Bulletin cover	"Fannie Lou Hamer" icon by Kelly Latimer, from Art in the Christian Tradition , a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in celebration of our 70th wedding anniversary on November 12 by John and Nina Widmann.



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:

Call to Worship by Rev. Mindi, posted on her *Rev-o-lution* blog

Feasting on the Word *Worship Companion*

The Inclusive Bible: the First Egalitarian Translation

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Let Justice Flow Like Streams

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1. Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter pure,
2. Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3. So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1984 (Amos 5:14-15, 24; 7:7-8)

MUSIC: Aaron Williams, 1763

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ST. THOMAS

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Lower key, No. 262

Show Us How to Stand for Justice

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1. Show us how to stand for jus-tice: how to work for what is right,
 2. Teach our hearts to trea-sure mer-cy, wheth-er giv-en or re-ceived—
 3. Glad-ly we em-brace a life-style mod-eled on Your liv-ing Word,



how to chal-lenge false as-sump-tions, how to walk with-in the light.
 for our need has not di-min-ished since the day we first be-lieved:
 in hu-mil-i-ty sub-mit-ting to the truth that we have heard.



May we learn to share more free-ly in a world so full of greed,
 let us seek no sat-is-fac-tion boast-ing of what we have done,
 Make us con-scious of Your pres-ence ev-ery day, in all we do:



show-ing Your im-mense com-pas-sion by the life we choose to lead.
 but re-joice that we are par-doned and ac-cept-ed in Your Son.
 by Your Spir-it's gra-cious prompt-ing may we learn to walk with You.

NEWS IN THE PEWS November 9, 2025

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Tonya Schwartz, Office Administrator, manager@sjucc1811.org (717) 263-8593 (office)
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: The official check presentation to Habitat will take place during worship.
Fall Congregational Meeting will be held directly after worship
Bible Study on the Book of Acts, Chapter 20, 8 pm, Zoom (link in Friday e-blast)

Monday, November 10

10:00 am Chi Gong/Zazen silent body energy and soulful meditation – Parlor Room 104
1:30 pm Monday Afternoon Book Study (Ch. 8) – Conference Room 111
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 11

Church Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

5:30 pm Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm Ladies' Bible - Zoom

Wednesday, November 12

11:30 am Ladies Luncheon – Italian Village on Route 11

Thursday, November 13

6:00 pm Talk on Penn Mar Park with Mike Marotte – Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm Girl Scouts – Room 116
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room 103

Sunday, November 16

8:45 am Godly Play Class – Room 119
8:45 am SPARK! Elementary Church School Class – Room 115
8:45 am Teen Discussion Class – Room 206
8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
10:00 am Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
1:00 PEO Auction Doors Open and Silent Auction begins – Fellowship Hall
2:00 PEO Live Auction Begins – Fellowship Hall

Angel Tree and Hoffman Homes Gift Tags are now available to be picked up. Angel Tree tags are on the Christmas tree in the lobby; Hoffman Homes' tags are on the Christmas tree in the church office. Consult the November Spirit or contact Pastor Caroline re: gift guidelines.

Talk on Penn Mar Park Join Mike Marotte on Thursday, November 13, 6 pm in Fellowship Hall for a presentation on the historic Penn Mar Park!

St. John's Nursery School will be selling The Butcher Shoppe cookie dough and coffee again this year, as well as pizza and sub coupons, after worship on Sundays, November 9 and 16. Deliver of coffee and cookie dough will be in early December.

Totenfest will be Sunday, November 23, the last Sunday of the church year. We will remember with love and thanksgiving those members of our faith community who have died during the past year. We also wish to include the people in your lives who have transitioned to be with God since our last observance of Totenfest on November 24, 2024. Please contact Pastor Caroline by Monday, November 17, with the name of the person you wish to be remembered, along with their date of death, so that we can honor them during the service and in the bulletin.

Church Directory Update As we work to finalize our new photo directory, we need your updated contact information. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please share this with the church office. Thank you!

November First Fruits will go toward supporting Heifer International. Heifer's model includes working in economic development, environmental sustainability, food security and nutrition, risk mitigation and women's empowerment and social capital. Partnering with Children and Youth Ministry, our First Fruits will go toward strengthening communities across the globe. Speak with Roxanne Davenport to learn more how you can make a difference.

Sign Up Now for Cookies for Kids (aka Cookie Walk) on Saturday, December 6! Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. Contact Roxanne Davenport or Harold Collier with any questions.

Thanksgiving Worship Join us on Sunday, November 23, 3:00 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church (150 Norlo Drive, Fayetteville) for the CMC Thanksgiving Community Worship Service.

Staff Christmas Gifts are a way we at St. John's honor our talented staff at Christmas. If you would like to participate, please designate "Staff Christmas Gift" on your envelope or check; contributions should be submitted by Sunday, December 7, in order for our staff to receive this by Christmas.

November/December Upper Room devotionals are currently available at the Welcome Center. We suggest a donation of \$1 for small print/\$2 for large print copies. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Bible and a Beer is an opportunity to talk about our faith in public. Join us on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Trojan Diner at 6:30 pm. Our next gathering will be November 17.

Birthday Balloons All are invited to share in a special coffee hour the last Sunday of the month to honor all who celebrated a birthday that month. November birthdays will be honored on **Sunday, November 30**. We hope you'll join us!

Join us for Life Talk What's on your mind? Just want to talk with other adults for a bit? Grab your snack/coffee & meet in the parlor after worship on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome.

Want to Stay in Touch? Contact the Church Office to be added to our email list! You can sign up to receive our regular weekly emails, Diana's Devotionals, and/or be part of the Prayer Chain.