

St. John United Church of Christ
Arlington Heights, Illinois



Sunday, January 19, 2020
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to St. John

Children in Worship Infants and children bring life to our worship and are always welcome. Worship Activity Packets for children are located in the narthex. We offer Sunday School every Sunday for children of all ages. Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for children's gathering towards the beginning of worship, and then are led to their Sunday School classes. On the first Sunday of the month, children are brought back to their parents for Communion.

Nursery St. John's nursery is located beside Fellowship Hall and is always open to families. Two nursery workers are available every Sunday if needed. Just let them know at the beginning of the worship service.

After Worship Join us in Fellowship Hall for snacks, coffee, and community.

Interested in Membership? Contact Pastor Michael at mjones@stjah.org or 847-255-6687.

Questions? Stop by our welcome table in the lobby, where one of our members will happily meet you.

Getting Connected Please fill out one of our welcome cards and put it in the offering plate. We'd like to get to know you!

Open and Affirming We are an ONA church. Please visit our website and see our ONA Statement on the back page of this bulletin for more information.

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Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2020
9:30 a.m. Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

You shall see and be radiant.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

The Holy One will bless the people with peace.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

**God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad
in God's presence.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

#68 God Is Truly with Us

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray. **Your light shines brightly in the season of Epiphany, Holy One. We see it all around us, even on a cold, winter day. When we hide from the light because it does not fit into our plan, forgive us, O God. When we don't recognize your light in others and their journeys, change our perception. You pull us into the light and name us again as your children, and we accept your call. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

*GLORIA

#759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three-in-One;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION & CHILDREN'S GATHERING

[CHILDREN DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL]

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought

Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

CHOIR *O, That Will Be Glory* – Gabriel & Matsumura

SERMON *Jesus Revealed: Names*

HYMN *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Verse 1

**Wonderful, merciful Savior: Precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.**

Chorus

**You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
O, our hearts always hunger for!**

Verse 2

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper: Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**Almighty, infinite Father: Faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.**

Chorus

GATHERING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am — W. Bradbury/arr. F. Lopez

*DOXOLOGY

#780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to take Holy Communion at St. John; we have an open table! Gluten free wafers are available, along with both red wine and white grape juice. You are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you are unable to come forward one of our servers will bring them to you.

GREETING

God be with you. / **And also with you.** / Lift up your hearts. /
We lift them to God. / Let us give thanks to God Most High. /
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Be Unto Your Name — Sadler, DeShazo
Open the Eyes of My Heart — Baloché

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

#177 *God of Change and Glory*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Standing on the Promises* — R. Carter/arr. M. Hayes

*Indicates when congregation may stand.

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This Sunday's Worship Leaders: GREETERS: Erin Kaiser. USHERS:. COFFEE: The Cooper Family for Hanna's 7th Birthday! BULLETIN SPONSOR:. FLOWERS:. SCRIPTURE READER: Joyce Pavelko. CALLED TO CARE: Corrie Roesslein. SEXTON: Steve Blye. SOUND TECH: Ed Heiberger. ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Heiberger.

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders: GREETERS: Cliff Schultz & Nancy Wirth. USHERS: Deb Wittmeyer. COFFEE:. BULLETIN SPONSOR: Cliff Schultz. FLOWERS:. SCRIPTURE READER: Julie Kurka. CALLED TO CARE: Barbara Jo Scott. SEXTON: Steve Blye. SOUND TECH: Ed Heiberger. ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Heiberger.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

1/19	9:30 a.m.	Communion Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Christian Education Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Communion Worship
1/20	2:00 p.m.	Book Club
1/21	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
1/22	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1/23	9:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Crew
	1:00 p.m.	Cards (at Lutheran Home)

1/24	6:00 p.m.	Pizza Movie Night
1/26	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Communion Worship

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting: All Members and Friends of St. John are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, January 26 for our Annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting members will vote on the proposed budget for 2020 and the officers and committee members of the church, and we'll hear updates from the Capital Campaign Committee. Please plan on staying to participate in the life of St. John and bring any questions.

Capital Campaign Update: The Capital Campaign Committee and the various sub teams continue meeting and are making process with several aspects of the campaign. Overall, the Capital Campaign Committee is consulting with Partners for Scared Places, who is helping us better understand our own church community, as well as the wider community. As part of those efforts, The **Community** subteam is working on conducting an asset mapping session on January 29th with key members of the community, including community leaders from: local businesses, the Library, the Village, and others. At the asset mapping session, attendees will be asked to help St. John understand how our church family and building can support our community in better and new ways. The Capital Campaign Committee is excited about the assest mapping exercise as we believe this is the first time St. John has held this type of session to benefit a campital campaign.

As for the sub teams, the **Case Statements** sub team is focused on the campaign theme and logo development. Plus, there have been meetings with our architects and engineers to discuss what we could potentially accomplish based on what Partners for Scared Places projects we could financially raise. During those meetings, we've shared what we would like to do and our priorities.

We'll share additional information at the January 26 Congregational meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact any member of the Capital Campaign Committee or Pastor Michael.

Adult Spiritual Formation & Discussion: Are you looking to learn and discuss topics that are related to current events, spirituality, and the Christian Life? We started a new Adult Spiritual Formation and Discussion series, which meets every Sunday after Coffee Hour. Topics will change throughout the year and be posted in Sunday bulletins. If you can't come regularly, that's okay. All are encouraged to stay when they can. Below are upcoming topics. We hope to see you there!

NEW SERIES: "What Does the Bible REALLY Say About...". We all hear people use the Bible to defend their positions or make theological statements about God and our world, but what does the Bible really say about some important topics? Join us as Rev. Paris Donehoo helps us to see what the Bible REALLY says!

Sunday, January 19: "What Does the Bible REALLY Say About...Immigration".

Sunday, January 26: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 2: DON LARSON COOK-OFF

Sunday, February 9: "Iraq, Iran, and the Current Crisis" Led by Professor Tom Mockaitis.

Sunday, February 16: "What Does the Bible REALLY Say About...Homosexuality".

Sunday, February 23: "What Does the Bible REALLY Say About...The Second Coming".

Sunday, March 1: "What Does the Bible REALLY Say About...Family".

Martin Luther King, Jr. Faith in Action Assembly: Please join us on Monday, January 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church (2151 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago). Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Praise in worship will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the Youth Choir, and end at 12:00 p.m. Our Youth and Community Forum will feature youth from across Chicagoland addressing the issues of our time: U.S. Census, Fair Tax Amendment in Illinois and Just Housing. Rev. Dr. Carmin Frederick-James, of Covenant UCC, and Rev. Dr. Reginald W. Williams Jr., of First Baptist Church of University Park, will serve as our

keynote speakers. Put your faith in action! Questions? Contact Mary Santi (St. John FIAT team) at maryfs2154@sbcglobal for more information.

Pizza Movie Night, Friday January 24th at 6pm: Please join us in Fellowship Hall for Pizza Movie Night. All ages are welcome. We will be showing Toy Story 4. Pizza, popcorn, dessert and drinks will be provided. We will be providing the pizza crusts, sauce and cheese, so bring your favorite toppings and we will bake the pizzas. Kids can bring sleeping bags and pillows. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or email Dave Tashima at davetash41@yahoo.com.

Medicare Talk at St. John by the Lutheran Home – Free Lunch: Do you have questions about Medicare and would you like to learn more? Representatives from the Lutheran Home are going to visit St. John on Wednesday, January 29 at 11:30 A.M. to give a presentation on Medicare and answer any questions. All are welcome! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Save The Date: Sunday, February 2, is our annual cook off! This year all are welcome to bring their best and tastiest dessert items. Proceeds will go to the UCC National Youth Gathering at Purdue University this summer.

St. Hubert Job and Networking Ministry at St. John on February 15 from 9am and 11am: *Bring your resume for a one-on-one personal evaluation by one of six HR, search professional, or career counselors who will be on hand to give you their thoughts and suggestions – bring a friend.* Reservations are not necessary; feel free to stop by between 9am and 11am. You will meet individually for a 20-minute resume review with one of six professionals on hand, who will provide you with suggestions and guidelines regarding your resume.

Spring of Life/Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities: St John has been added to the regular rotation of volunteer churches for Spring of Life, the Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We are asked to provide work volunteers for a new house project in Elgin on Jan. 25 & Feb. 22. We are asked to provide lunch on-site for workers on Feb. 22. There is no limit to the number of people who can participate or how often. *We're starting a new home and the goal is to complete it by the summer. The new homeowners*

are a working mother and two children, and they're excited the project has begun! They will contribute 250 hours of effort to the project. Please contact Jay Virchow with questions or if you are able to help on any of the dates.

PADS Volunteer Opportunities: St John will be serving & providing meals for PADS guests on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Congregational United Church of Christ, 1001 W. Kirchoff Rd, Arlington Heights. There are a number of opportunities available, from preparing & delivering part of the dinner, to providing food & beverages for Friday's breakfast or sack lunches. We ask that food items be delivered directly to CUCC on Thursday evenings from 6-6:30 p.m. If you cannot make that time, please contact Michelle Johns at mmjohns03@yahoo.com or 630-606-9801. We will gladly accommodate you. We also need volunteers to assist with set up of the site or to be a shift volunteer. You can learn more & sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/y3yn5wy4>. For questions, contact Kathy Winters (kwinters7@sbcglobal.net) or Michelle Johns (mmjohns03@yahoo.com).

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5 PM Worship

January 19, 2020

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Welcome

Song

Prayer

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Community Life & Prayer Requests

Scripture

Sermon

Offering

Holy Communion

Song

Benediction/Blessing

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PRAYER REQUESTS — Need prayer? We have an open time for prayer requests during worship or you can write it down and give it to Pastor Michael.

CHILDREN — We love kids being present in worship. There are coloring kits available; don't worry about noise.

COMMUNION — We welcome all of any age to the table at St. John for communion, no questions and no restrictions, because we believe Jesus would do the same. Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are both available, along with a gluten free option.

ST. JOHN UCC OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT



The congregation of St. John United Church of Christ rejoices that our community of faith is strengthened by diversity. We declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation, extending God's extravagant welcome to all people regardless of culture, economic status, age, sex, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, marital status, or physical/mental condition. We invite everyone to join our journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our congregation.