

*St. John United Church of Christ  
Arlington Heights, Illinois*

**PENTECOST**  
*sunday*



***May 19, 2024***  
*Music Appreciation Sunday*

# Welcome to St. John

**Welcome** Thank you for joining us for in-person worship today!

**Livestreaming** All of St. John's worship services are now livestreamed. You can watch the service live or at another time by going to our website, [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org) or our Vimeo page, [www.vimeo.com/stjah](http://www.vimeo.com/stjah).

**Holy Communion** All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at St. John. We believe that Jesus welcomed all to his mission of love and all are welcome to the table. We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. All are invited to come forward, row by row. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you.

**A gluten-free option is available.** White Grape Juice or Red Wine are available in the trays.

**Giving** Offering plates are passed during worship. You can also give by going to [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org) and clicking the "GIVE" tab at the top of the page, or by mail. Thank you for your generosity!

**Children in Worship** Infants and children bring life to our worship and are always welcome. Worship Activity Packets are available for children.

**Interested in Membership?** Contact the office at [office@stjah.org](mailto:office@stjah.org) or 847-255-6687.

**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.

**Wifi Network & Password** Guest & StJohnGuest

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Please silence all phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

The Music Committee respectfully requests that you refrain from applauding after the musical offerings, as reflective silence is a part of the musical experience. Thank you.

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader and **People**)

One: From many places, we gather.

**All: From many backgrounds, many experiences, we gather -**

Men: Each with our own stories;

Women: Each with our own prayers;

Men: Each with our own hopes;

Women: Each given with power to achieve God's purpose;

**All: We are one in the Spirit.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #561

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

### \*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Your Spirit arrives and the world responds —  
wind blows, flames dance, creation moves.**

**Move us, too, by the power of your Spirit:**

**out of our hiding places and into relationship, into collaboration,  
into barrier-crossing conversation that reveals your love,**

**reaching into every life, every culture, every language, every community  
through the name of Jesus. In one Spirit we pray....**

### \*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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.**

### \*THE PEACE [*Please simply say "Peace be with you" with a nod or wave.*]

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

### \*GLORIA

Hymnal #756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Build Your Kingdom

## THE PENTECOST STORY

Acts 2.1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTION

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

MUSICAL OFFERING I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger – arr. by Tammy Waldrop

## HISTORICAL WITNESS

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## CONTEMPORARY WITNESS

"Uniquely United"

MUSICAL OFFERING All the Praise of a Lifetime - McHugh & Elliot, arr. Don Hart

## TIME OF PRAYER

## INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Abide With Us, Our Savior – David Cherwien

## \*DOXOLOGY

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (#17)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ Whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*CLOSING HYMN #177

"God of Change and Glory"

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

When in Our Music God is Glorified – Albert Travis

\*Indicates when congregation may stand.

The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer were written by Rev. Teri Peterson.

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This Sunday's Worship Leaders: GREETERS: Chris Hill & Holly Petersen. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dennis Roesslein. FLOWERS: Dave & Janet Landeweer. COFFEE: Christian Education. CALLED TO CARE: Corrie Roesslein. SEXTON: Frank Styzek. ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Jo Scott.

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders: GREETERS: Cindy Giambarberee & Holly Petersen. ANNOUNCEMENTS: April Swenson. FLOWERS: . COFFEE: Cochran's. CALLED TO CARE: Paris Donehoo. SEXTON: Frank Styzek. ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Jo Scott.

The Week Ahead at St. John:

- **Pentecost Sunday /Music Appreciation** – Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 A.M.
  - **Coffee Hour** – Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 A.M.
  - **Bible Study** – Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 A.M.
  - **Christian Education Meeting** – Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 P.M.
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**Sponsoring Flowers:** If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for Sunday service, you may now either sponsor one bouquet for \$20 or \$40 for both. Please either sign up on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Janice.

**Feed My Starving Children:** Please join us at Feed My Starving Children located at 740 Wiley Farm Ct, Schaumburg, IL 60173. We will be packing meals on Wednesday, May 22 from 4:45 PM to 6:15PM. The minimum age for volunteering is 5 years old. Contact Ellen Burkhardt at 630-531-2029 with questions.

**St. John Social Potluck:** The second Saturday of each month finds Fellowship Hall filled with good food, good friends and good conversation. On June 8th we can have fun creating dishes that start with "C" or have ingredients that start with "C". July 13th join us for an All-American Potluck. We meet at 6pm. All are welcome so join us for an evening of fun and community.

**St. John Book Club:** Come join us as we gather to discuss books we are reading. Book Club meets at 2pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. On June 10th we will be sharing our ideas on First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston. See the bulletin for the books we will be reading for July 8th and August 12th gatherings. Book Club is open to all. Join us whenever one of our selections tickles your fancy. If you have a book you think we should read just let us know. Hope to see you.

**Summer Suppers at St. John:** This summer we are again participating in the Summer Suppers program with 16 other faith communities. We will be serving dinner to our PADS guests and any other community members who are food insecure. All are welcome. We will be serving dinner from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at St. John UCC on the 4th Sunday of the month. We will also be collecting non-perishable items for the guests to take with them as they leave the dinner. Non-perishable items will be dropped

off at St. John UCC (308 N. Evergreen Avenue) at the front entrance between 10:00am - 2:00pm on 5/18, 6/8 and 8/10. Summer Suppers Sign up -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ADAA28A7F4CE9-48790449-stjohn#/>

Thank you! Barbara Jo, Kathy and Michelle

**Anti-Racism Discussion Group:** The Anti-Racism Discussion group has concluded for this year. We finished Ruth King's book Mindful of Race, Transforming Racism from the Inside Out. We will bring King's Mindfulness practices into our study next year. The group will start up next October with a new book and will meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's. New folks are welcome to join us! We will have an in-person gathering this August so watch for the email. We have deeply enjoyed meeting in person, worshipping together at our respective sanctuaries and participating in the Stop the Hate program held at St. John on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate holding similar programs in the future. If you are interested in joining this discussion group, please contact Martha Ross-Mockaitis at St. John's UCC or Laural Reinhart at Temple Beth Am.

**Little Free Pantry:** With warmer weather, the Little Free Pantry will supply socks, sunscreen, wipes and soap. Donations are welcome. To sign up to help, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2uzc4tdf> or talk to Jay Virchow or Jenn Borrell.

**Food Pantry Focus:** The Food Pantry at Lutheran Church of the Cross has seen a steady increase in the number of families they serve, jumping from an average of 100/week last year to 150/week this year. The donations from St. John is a welcome blessing! Their greatest need is boxed cereal, and items they cannot purchase with a SNAP card (supplemental nutrition assistance program). Diapers (size 2, 4, or 5), baby wipes, feminine hygiene items, soap, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and distributed. Thank you for your continued support! The Mission Committee

### **May 19, 2024 / Pentecost / "Spirit for All" / Acts 2:1-21**

*Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Today many churches will receive the Strengthen the Church offering.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.\*

It's especially poignant to receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost, the day in which God's presence as wind and fire was heard, felt and seen by all those gathered. As winds of the Spirit swept over the waters in Genesis beginning Creation, the winds of Spirit sweep over people creating community anew.

On this day, we remember that we are co-creators with God of the reign which is to come. Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone in this co-creation. Both those within our church walls and those without can be vessels of the Holy Spirit, and when we speak, we will be heard and understood. And the promise of Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit does not just fill us with words, but also incites us into action on behalf of the divine.

Look around! What work is the Holy Spirit ready to do through your community? How might the Strengthen the Church offering be a part of that work?

\*<https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>



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**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.