

APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit the one holy Universal Christian Church. The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsively)

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ



**We are happy to welcome everyone
attending St. John's United Church of
Christ. May God Bless you with His
abundant love.**

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday Spiritual Communion Sunday

June 4, 2023

10:15 am

PRELUDE *"This is My Father's World"*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING (Responsively)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The power of the Holy Spirit moves among us!

People: Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN *"Holy Holy Holy"*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of God's magnificent creation!

People: Thanks be to God the Creator who has loaned to us such a beautiful planet.

Leader: Welcome this day to a recognition of God's redeeming love!

People: Thanks to God the Redeemer who has given us God's only Son as our Example and Teacher, Our Savior and Redeemer!.

Leader: Welcome this day to the joy of God's Holy Spirit of truth and power!

People: Thanks to God the Sustainer who walks with us every day, guiding and guarding our steps.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

We confess this day, O merciful God, that we have not always acted in just ways nor sought justice for our friends and neighbors. We have found it easy to turn our backs on problems rather than seeking to be a solution to them. We have heard of the many ways in which you have demonstrated peace with justice through the ministries of your Son, yet we have given only sporadic attention to them. Forgive us, Lord. Heal our selfishness and brokenness. Cause us to be witnesses to your great love as shown to us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"GLORIA PATRI"

#623

Special Music by Pastor Laura Doty

"Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:26-31

Psalms 8

Matthew 28:16-20

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"I am With You Always"

Pastor Laura Doty

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

"Doxology"

#625

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris

Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)