

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

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Spiritual Communion Sunday

July 2, 2022

10:15 am

PRELUDE “America the Beautiful”

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: The power of the Holy Spirit moves among us!

OPENING HYMN “*More Love To Thee*”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

People: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

People: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

People: May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks,

parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“GLORIA PATRI”

#623

Special Music by Pastor Laura Doty
“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 89:1-4

Matthew 10:40-42 Romans 6:12-23

TODAY'S MESSAGE

“Instruments of God”

Pastor Laura Doty

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

“Doxology”

#625

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People – Mary Ellen Harris

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