

### WORSHIP LEADERS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **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**

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 16, 2023**

**10:15 am**

**PRELUDE**    *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: Welcome to the seed-scattering station!

**People: We thought this was the church! What's this "seed-scattering"?**

Leader: We are called to be the place where the loving, redeeming word of God is shared.

**People: Oh! We need to hear about this love.**

Leader: Open your hearts and lives, dear friends, for God's word for you.

**People: Lord, make us ready to receive your word and feel your healing presence. AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"*

**MORNING PRAYER** (In Unison)

Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us. Make us ready to become

stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed.  
**AMEN.**

Special Music by Pastor Laura Doty  
*"Thy Word"*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 119:105-108  
Isaiah 55:10-13 Matthew 13:18-23

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

*"Roadmap for Success: The Word and the Way"*  
Pastor Laura Doty

**DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**  
*"Doxology"*

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**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris  
Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    *"Leaning On Everlasting Arm"*