

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.

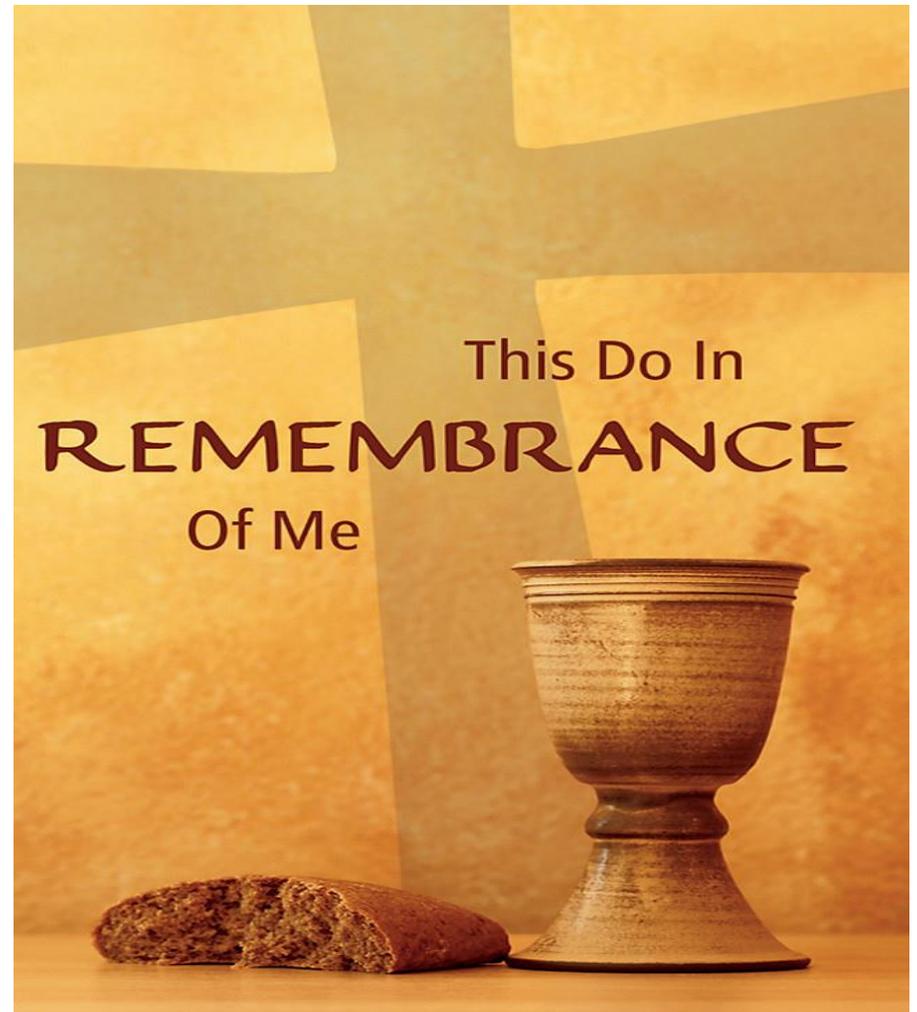
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Spiritual Communion Sunday

August 6, 2023

10:15 am

PRELUDE "Come Celebrate Jesus"

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Welcome to worship this day.

People: Thank you. We're glad to be here.

Leader: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling.

People: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

Leader: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

People: Praise be to God who continually abides with us. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so, we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name. **AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"GLORIA PATRI"

#623

Special Music Laura Doty

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 32:24-31

Psalms 17:1-8 Matthew 14:13-21

TODAY'S MESSAGE "Living Up to Our Name"

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)