

## 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.

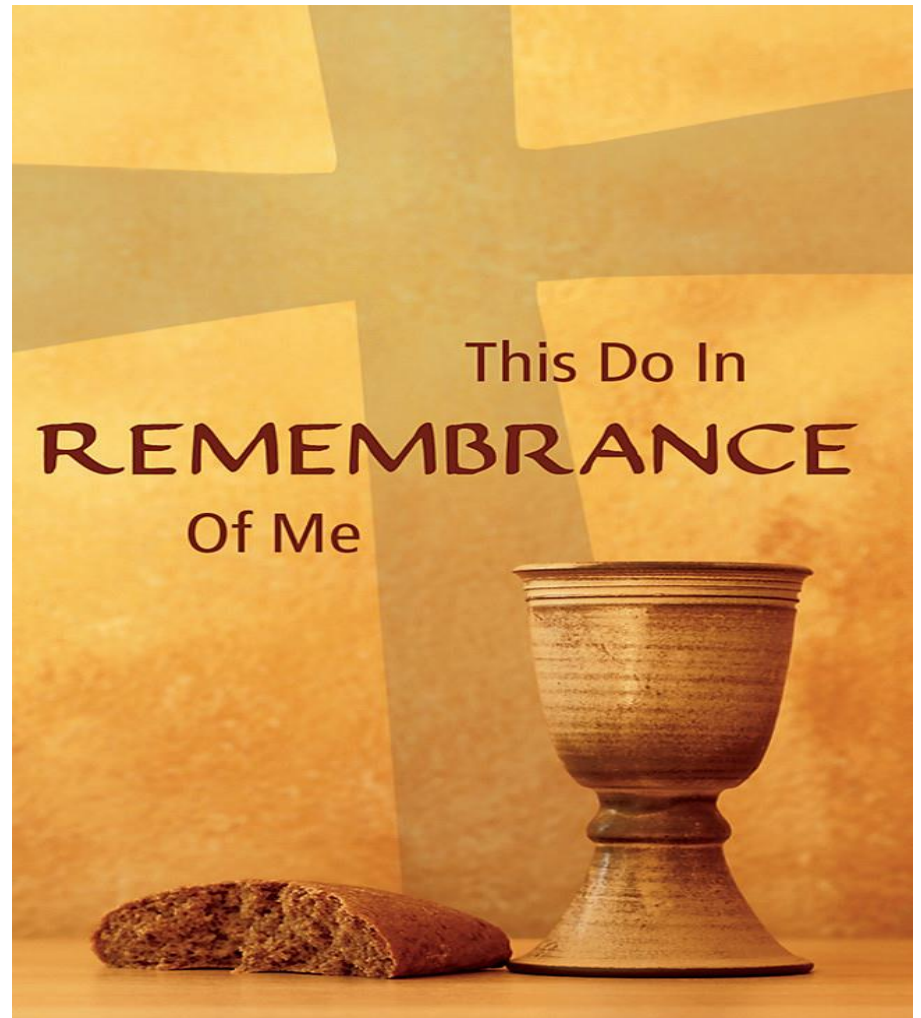
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

## 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

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**Spiritual Communion Sunday**

**November 5, 2023**

**10:15 am**

**PRELUDE** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

**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** *"He Leadeth Me"*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**People: God's love endures forever!**

Leader: God has come to God's people with blessings  
and hope.

**People: Praise God for the many ways God touches  
our lives. AMEN.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

Patient God, sometimes we just don't understand,  
we don't get it. We want instant gratification for all  
our needs. We don't want to have to follow  
direction or instructions. We are impatient.

We want you to come down from heaven and solve  
our problems right now. We don't want to have to  
think about the problems and we are hesitant to  
create solutions. You ask us to trust you. You invite us  
to lean on your strong arms of comfort and support.  
Please forgive us, Lord. We are a stubborn people.  
Calm our spirits and souls. Challenge and Encourage  
our service to humankind. And when at last we enter  
the land of promise, help us to truly give thanks and  
rejoice and praise you. AMEN.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*"GLORIA PATRI"*

**#623**

Special Music By Laura Doty

*"Shout to the Lord"*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 106:1-8

Matthew 22:1-14 Philippians 4:4-7

**TODAY'S MESSAGE** "Accept the Invitation"

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)