

WORSHIP LEADERS

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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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

10:15 am

PRELUDE *"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: We look at this world, focusing on the pain
and confusion, the fears and hatred
which seem to abound.

People: For what can we hope?

Leader: We wait breathlessly for the goodness of
creation to be made manifest in all the
world, for this is the promise of God.

**People: God is always with us, guiding, rescuing,
healing, restoring us.**

Leader: Get ready, dear friends, the promises of
God are true.

**People: Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts.
Bring us hope and peace. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of surprises, we come here from the
weariness of the week, from various triumphs,**

**from fears and doubts. Open our hearts to
receive your surprising message of hope for all
people, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Special Music
"Trust and Obey"
By Laura Doty

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 28:10-22**
Matthew 13:36-43 Romans 8:12-25

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Bethel: House of God" 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)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"*