

**St. John United Church of Christ**  
Arlington Heights, Illinois



Christ Washing the Disciples' Feet -- David Paynter, Trinity College Chapel, Kandy, Sri Lanka

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 17, 2021

# Welcome to St. John

**Welcome back!** Thank you for joining us for in-person worship today. We're so glad that everyone can gather safely in the sanctuary.

**Livestreaming** All of St. John's worship services are now livestreamed. You can watch the service live or at another time by going to our website, [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org) or our Vimeo page, [www.vimeo.com/stjah](http://www.vimeo.com/stjah).

**Holy Communion** All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at St. John. We believe that Jesus welcomed all to his mission of love and all are welcome to the table. We celebrate Holy Communion on every first and third Sunday of the month. All are invited to come forward, row by row. After receiving an individual cup with wafer, please return to your seat and we will take communion together. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you. **A gluten-free option is available upon request.**

**Giving** Offering plates are passed during worship. You can also give by going to [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org) and clicking the "GIVE" tab at the top of the page, or by mail. Thank you for your generosity!

**Children in Worship** Infants and children bring life to our worship and are always welcome. Worship Activity Packets for children are available for children. The children are dismissed for Sunday school in the first half of worship.

**Interested in Membership?** Contact Pastor Michael at [mjones@stjah.org](mailto:mjones@stjah.org) or 847-255-6687.

**Open and Affirming** We are an ONA church. Please visit our website and see our ONA Statement on the back page of this bulletin for more information.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Sweet Hour of Prayer* — Arr. McChesney

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF GATHERING

\*OPENING HYMN #305

*You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways. With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere, we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls for home. With so many things to distract us—work, school, and the general busyness of life—we lie unresponsive to your calls to service.

**We want to serve both you and others, O God. Show us the way. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*THE PEACE [*Please simply say "Peace be with you" with a nod or wave.*]

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

\*RESPONSE #759

*Gloria*

**Glory to God the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit. Three-in-One;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Fantasy on Hyfrydol* — Hopson

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL (Age 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

HEBREW BIBLE / OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 53:4-12* [NRSV]

*Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.*

*Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45 [NRSV]

*James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'*

*When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'*

## GOSPEL RESPONSE #762

**Glory to you, O Christ. Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Serving*

## HYMN #539

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Credo for Christians* [James Burklo]

**I worship and adore God, source, essence, and aim of all things,  
spirit that enlivens all beings.**

**I follow the way of Jesus, who found God in himself  
and shared a way for others to find God in themselves.**

**He was born through love, he lived for love, he suffered for love, he died for love,  
but love never dies.**

**I submit myself to the leading of the love that is God,  
that I may be compassionate toward all beings,  
that I may live and serve in community with others,  
that I may ask for and offer forgiveness,  
that I may praise and enjoy God forever.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### INVITATION TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*House of the Lord*

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### \*DOXOLOGY #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you. / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to God Most High.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit...

...We proclaim the glory of your name as we sing (793 in New Century Hymnal):

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*CLOSING HYMN #530

*God, Our Author and Creator*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*○ That I Had a Thousand Voices — Paul Manz*

\*Indicates when congregation may stand.

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**This Sunday's Worship Leaders:** GREETERS: Holly Petersen, Judy Grimes & Dennis Roesslein. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Holly Petersen. BULLETIN SPONSOR: None. FLOWERS: Lana & Paul Cochran, in Honor of Judy Kriston's Birthday. SCRIPTURE READER: Corrie Roesslein. CALLED TO CARE: Corrie Roesslein. SEXTON: Paul Thoms. ALTAR GUILD: Lana Cochran.

**Next Sunday's Worship Leaders:** GREETERS: Judy Grimes & Dennis Roesslein. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Judy Grimes. BULLETIN SPONSOR: None. FLOWERS: Debbie Esmail, in Honor of Dorothy Esmail's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday. SCRIPTURE READER: Lana Cochran. CALLED TO CARE: Barbara Jo Scott. SEXTON: Paul Thoms. ALTAR GUILD: Lana Cochran.

### **GIVING to St. John**

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John. In addition to giving at Sunday worship, there are two other ways to give to St. John:

1. Giving Online: Go to [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org) and click the "GIVE" tab at the top of the page. Once on the Give page, click "DONATE NOW." Consider signing up for recurring giving. It makes it easy and helps the church plan.
2. Give by mail: Mail your gift to St. John UCC, 308 N. Evergreen Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

### **The Week Ahead at St. John**

- **Sunday Morning Spiritual Formation Class** – Sunday, October 17, at 9:00 A.M.
- **Sunday Communion Worship & Sunday School** – Sunday, October 17, at 10:00 A.M. – St. John Sanctuary & Streaming Live!
- **Coffee Hour** – Sunday, October 17, at 11:00 A.M. – Outside on the west side of the building.
- **Bible Study** – Tuesday, October 19, at 10:00 A.M. – via Zoom.
- **Bell Tones Rehearsal** – Tuesday, October 19, at 6:00 P.M.
- **Stewardship Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 P.M.
- **Conversations on Race** – Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 P.M.
- **St. John Crafters** – Thursday, October 21, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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**Today we say farewell to Kevin and Jennifer Daly.** Kevin and Jennifer have been members of St. John since April of 2019 and have been involved in many different ways at St. John.

Kevin has served as St. John's Delegate on Council and Jennifer has served as Council Secretary and the Stewardship Committee. They are moving to Florida. Thank you for all you've done for St. John, Kevin and Jennifer! We will miss you!

**Today we also say farewell to Tony and Donna VanZanten.** Tony and Donna have been worshipping with us since the summer and are moving. We have appreciated getting to them and will miss them!

### **October 31: All Saints' Sunday/Recognition**

On Sunday, October 31, St. John will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember our loved ones who have died both in the past year and beyond. If you have a family member or friend who has passed away in the past year, please submit their name to the office, which will be read aloud during the remembrance ceremony. We will also be reading all of the names that were submitted from 2020 at our All Saints' remembrance. There will also be the opportunity to light a candle during worship for loved ones who have died.

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### **Food Pantry Donations**

We're collecting food pantry donations again every Sunday during worship. The kids will pick it up from people as you pass it towards the center aisle. Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry!

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### **Register for Faith Community Homes' Virtual Fundraiser, Giving Hope**

As COVID-19 uncertainties continue and to ensure everyone's safety, we are pivoting from a planned in-person event to a virtual Giving Hope once again this year. Please join us on Thursday, October 21, from 7:00 - 7:45pm online via Zoom for our annual premier fundraising event.

Just like every other year, Giving Hope will be a celebration of the important work we do together to empower families and change lives. Program highlights include an inspiring family story, the BIG REVEAL of our rebranding for our new name, FamilyForward, an online auction, a door prize drawing, and more.

To register, please visit [fchomes.org/stay-connected](https://fchomes.org/stay-connected) and click on the green "submit registration" button. As always, we are thankful to our many St. John UCC supporters and hope to see you there!

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### **St. John's Youth Greenery and Wreath Fundraiser is underway!**

Please see Julie Kurka after church or email [Schupple18@gmail.com](mailto:Schupple18@gmail.com) for an order form. The last day to order is November 7th and items will be delivered to church or your home on Saturday November 20th starting around 10am.

Please make checks out to “St. John UCC” and include “youth sale” in the memo.

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### **Sunday Morning Spiritual Formation Class**

Join Pastor Michael on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. on Sundays. The first topic will be "The Christian Story: From Jesus to Today." Each Sunday will be a discussion about Christian history and how the church developed over the centuries. All are welcome to join. Those who attend don't have to come every Sunday. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and wear masks.

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### **Pastor's Reading Group**

All are welcome to join the first Saturday of the month to explore topics related to spirituality, faith, religion, Christianity, the church, and more! Meetings are in person in Fellowship Hall, but masks will be required. Attendees don't have to commit to every book and meeting every month, and you can come whether you've read the whole book or not. We will read a new book for each meeting.

**The next Pastor's Reading Group will meet on Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 A.M. and the book is "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life." by Richard Rohr.**

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### **St. John's Continuing Discussion on Race**

The Discussion on Race group meets on Wednesdays, from 7-8pm, via Zoom, and will continue through November 17. The group is composed of St. John and Temple Beth Am members who will read and discuss the book Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste, The Origins of Our Discontents*. New members from both houses of faith are welcome to join the group. We will read one chapter a week and share thoughts and reflections based on discussion questions from Tom & Martha Mockaitis.

Questions, call Martha or Tom Mockaitis.

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### **St. John Worship Service Updates**

The CDC is now recommending that vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks at indoor gatherings. **We ask that you follow these guidelines.** We are no longer requiring sign-ups.

If you have any symptoms, have been in close contact with someone with COVID within the last 14 days, or have been tested for COVID and are waiting for results, we ask that you watch worship from home.

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### **Sunday Morning Prayer Requests**

Prayer request forms are available in the lobby. If you would like your prayer request read during the Prayers of the People, please fill out the form and give it to one of the ushers or Pastor Michael before the start of the worship service.

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### **Student Care Packages**

Do you have a student that is attending college or trade school? Would they like to receive a care package from St. John? If so, please send your student's address (home or school) to [office@stjah.org](mailto:office@stjah.org). Care packages will be sent in late fall.

Donations of food/small school items may be placed in the blue bin labeled "care packages" in Fellowship Hall. Suggestions include individual packages/packets of cookies, granola bars, dried fruit, hot chocolate, popcorn or other food. Also needed are post-its, highlighters, pens or other small school items. Checks (for mailing the packages) or \$5 gift cards for students may be dropped off with Janice or mailed to church.

Questions? Contact Mary Santi at [maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net) or 847-907-1586 (call or text).

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### **St. John PADS**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve, cook and provide groceries for our October 14th PADS evening. With your help, our guests get a hot home cooked dinner, warm safe place to sleep, a continental breakfast and a bag lunch to take with them when they leave in the morning. Our next PADS evening is Thursday November 11th. Your continued support is much appreciated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cadae23a5f49-pads6>

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## **Little Free Pantry Update**

The Little Free Pantry has seen a fair amount of activity since it was installed. Popular items have been laundry detergent, tube socks, baby wipes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap and shampoo. A collection bin is in the church for these items (small/travel sizes, please!).

If you are interested in helping monitor and maintain the box, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4EADAC23A7F49-little> to sign up for a 2-week commitment.

Contact Jay Virchow [jayvirchow@hotmail.com](mailto:jayvirchow@hotmail.com) or Jenn Borrell at [jborrell@hotmail.com](mailto:jborrell@hotmail.com) with questions.

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## **Coffee Hour Updates**

Coffee Hour will now be held in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. We ask that you wear a mask when you are not drinking/eating.

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## **Coffee Hour Hosting**

The Spiritual Life Committee would like to invite you to host coffee hour. Hosting coffee hour includes preparing coffee, lemonade, and water, all of which the church provides. Sign-ups are located in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to sign up but need instructions on how to make the coffee and/or lemonade, please let the office know. A Spiritual Life Committee member can also walk you through the instructions at the church. Thank you for hosting!

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October 17, 2021

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Mark 10:35-45

Great Service

Children's Sabbath/Laity Sunday

Dear Brother Jesus,

We follow you as closely as we can. We listen as carefully as we are able. We believe that we understand what you are asking of us.

But here's what's still hard, Jesus. Even though we pay attention, even though we pray, we still want to know who is first and who is last, we still want to know who is in and who is out, we still want to know who is important and who is unimportant.

We follow. We listen. We believe.

It's funny because, of course we'd like it to be we who are first. And in. And important. But more even than being the exalted ones, we want to know who the exalted ones are. We want to follow you, but we are both excited and comforted by the world's hierarchy. It's a relief to know, even if we cannot be the best, that somewhere there is a best.

But then, we follow. We listen. We believe.

Jesus, all the ways you speak in parable and mystery, of all the water-into-wine and walk-on-water miracles you perform, of all the healing, of all the times that people sat down with you and got up with their hunger fed, their thirst quenched, this is the hardest to understand.

But this is the truth of what you proclaim. There is no in or out. There is no first or last. There is no worthy or unworthy. There is just a big circle of love and abundance, in which all are welcome, and all are equal. All are beloved and all are accepted. All are needed and all are held.

Jesus, we follow. We listen. We believe. Help us, as we honor children today, as we celebrate the gifts of all of your ministers, ordained or not. Help us to live as we see, as we hear, as we believe.

In your many strong names we pray, Amen.



ST. JOHN UCC JR./SR. HIGH



# FALL YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:30 P.M. AT ST. JOHN

PIZZA & GAMES

At 6:00 P.M., We'll be asking parents to return to St. John to transport kids to the St. John Cemetery, where they'll go on a **St. John Cemetery Scavenger Hunt**, searching for the tombstones of people who were part of the history of St. John!

LET US KNOW IF  
YOUR YOUTH IS  
PLANNING TO  
ATTEND!



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## ST. JOHN UCC OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT



The congregation of St. John United Church of Christ rejoices that our community of faith is strengthened by diversity. We declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation, extending God's extravagant welcome to all people regardless of culture, economic status, age, sex, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, marital status, or physical/mental condition. We invite everyone to join our journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our congregation. [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org)