

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



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 3, 2023

# Welcome to St. John

**Welcome** Thank you for joining us for in-person worship today!

**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 the first Sunday of the month. All are invited to come forward, row by row. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you.  
***A gluten-free option is available.***

**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 are available for children.

**Interested in Membership?** Contact the office at [office@stjah.org](mailto:office@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.

**Wifi Network & Password** Guest & StJohnGuest

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Please silence all phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us from far and wide, from town and country to gather at Christ's table.

**We come together as the family of God to share a feast, with joy and love.**

We come, hoping to grow in our faith and in our relationships with one another and God.

**We gather in prayer and praise, to sing and to share at Christ's table.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #70

"God is Here! As We Your People Meet"

## \*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**God, we have come this morning to hear again the message of your steadfast love and grace; we come to be reminded of your presence in our lives. In spite of our shortcomings and failures, you welcome us with open arms. As we strive to live in the way of Christ, speak to us words of courage, strength, hope, compassion, and love. In unity with you and one another, we pray...**

## \*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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.**

## \*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

Glory to 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING – Choir

Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus – Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bob Krogstad

HISTORICAL WITNESS

Colossians 3.12-14

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTION

TIME WITH CHILDREN

MUSICAL OFFERING – Worship Band

Remembrance (The Communion Song)

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CONTEMPORARY WITNESS

“A Sticky Situation”

\*HYMN #544

“If I Have Been the Source of Pain, O God”

TIME OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – arr. Sandra Eithun

\*DOXOLOGY

TUNE: #780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION [All are welcome to partake.]

Invitation and Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*CLOSING HYMN #347

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory Be to the Father – arr. Jason W. Krug

\*Indicates when congregation may stand.

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This Sunday's Worship Leaders: GREETERS: Cindy Giambarberie, Dennis Roeslein & Judy Grimes. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cindy Giambarberie. FLOWERS: Barbara Jo Scott. COFFEE: Barbara Jo Scott. SCRIPTURE READER: Mark Swenson. CALLED TO CARE: Barbara Blye. SEXTON: Paul Giambarberie. ALTAR GUILD: Lana Cochran.

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders: GREETERS: Holly Petersen & Cindy Giambarberie. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Judy Grimes. FLOWERS: . COFFEE: . SCRIPTURE READER: . CALLED TO CARE: Holly Endicott. SEXTON: Paul Giambarberie. ALTAR GUILD: Lana Cochran.

The Week Ahead at St. John

- **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** - Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 A.M.
- **Coffee Hour** - Sunday, September 3 at 11:00 A.M.
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 4 - **Office Closed**
- **Bible Study** - Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 A.M.
- **Spiritual Life Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 P.M.
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 P.M.
- **DAR Meeting** - Thursday, September 7 at 11:00 A.M.
- **Cards** - Thursday, September 7 at 1:00 P.M.
- **St. John Social** - Saturday, September 9 at 6:00 P.M.

**Due date for all Committee 2024 budgets is Sept 5, 2023**

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If you wish to give for relief efforts in Maui, you may make out a check to St. John UCC and mark it “Maui Relief”. We will consolidate donations and give them through the UCC Disasters Ministry site. You may also give directly through the website: [support.ucc.org](http://support.ucc.org)

**Save the Dates: Sunday, September 10th is Rally Day.** Plan to stay after worship that day for food and church family fun!

**Wednesday, September 27th, 5-8 pm - Community Open House** to celebrate the completion of the Capital Campaign work.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study will resume on Tuesday mornings beginning on September 5 at 10:00 AM.

**PADS Update:** Welcome back for the 23/24 PADS Season! We are eagerly preparing for our PADS season at St. John. We will again be open on Wednesday and Friday evenings to serve the PADS guests. Our first nights will be Wednesday, October 4th and Friday, October 6th.

Journeys is hoping to have 2 sites open every night of the week this season. St. James will also be open on Wednesday nights. Typically the number of guests is lower in October and November, so we will be alternating weeks with St. James. As numbers of guests increase, we will open both sites each week. We are currently the only site scheduled to open on Fridays.

We are looking for volunteers for all shifts on Wednesday / Thursday and Friday / Saturday. We particularly need volunteers for second and third shifts! We will provide training for all shifts! We also need food donations to provide dinner, breakfast and lunch for our guests!

6:30pm - 7:00pm - Set-up Shift  
6:30pm - 11:00pm - First Shift  
6:30pm - 9:00pm - First Shift  
6:30pm - 9:00pm - Meal Servers  
10:45pm - 3:00am - Second Shift  
2:45am - 7:00am - Third Shift  
7:00am - 8:30am - Clean-up Shift

Please see the Sign-ups below! Mark what you are interested in and then hit submit! You can mark multiple items at once. If you would like assistance with Sign-up genius, we are glad to help!

We will be having our **Volunteer Training at St. John on Wednesday, September 20th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.** We are asking that all returning and new volunteers attend, if possible, as our spaces have changed this year. If you are unable to attend, we would be glad to set up another time to tour the new spaces. We also welcome anyone who is interested in joining our team and would like more information about our program.

New volunteers and returning volunteers who have not already completed it are required to complete a brief on-line training provided by Journeys The Road Home. At the end of the training, volunteers will complete the form for a background check and a volunteer information sheet. All 3 steps must be completed.

<https://www.journeystheroadhome.org/VolunteerOrientation.html>

**Wednesday Shifts Sign-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adaa28a7f4ce9-pads1#/>

**Wednesday Food/Meal Servers Sign-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adaa28a7f4ce9-202320241#/>

**Friday Shifts Sign-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adaa28a7f4ce9-pads2#/>

**Friday Food/meal Servers Sign-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adaa28a7f4ce9-202320242#/>

Please reach out to any team member with questions!

Thanks so much for all of your support!

The St. John PADS Team

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**St. John Social Potluck Dinner:** Thank you to everyone who donated to our Birthday Party mission. We were able to donate bags to Wings and Family Forward. We are looking forward to our Saturday, Sept 9th gathering in Fellowship hall at **6:00 p.m.** for our Autumn Fest potluck. All are welcome.

**Pictorial Directory:** Many thanks to all those that submitted or had their photo taken for our new Pictorial Wall. If you have not submitted a photo, it is not too late to do so! You can submit a 4x6", on photo paper, vertical or horizontal, and list names as you want them printed from left to right. If you need your photo taken, just let us know! Many thanks for participating from the Spiritual Life Committee.

**Little Free Pantry:** Don't forget about our Little Free Pantry. We are currently collecting athletic socks, sunscreen, deodorant and soap/body wipes. Sign up to help for a 2-week commitment at <https://tinyurl.com/2uzc4tdf>. Contact Jay Virchow or Jenn Borrell with questions.

**Food Pantry Focus:** The Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry is thankful for our weekly donations. The following items are needed: 9/3 – Canned SpaghettiO's and ravioli, etc.; 9/10 – Peanut Butter, 16-28 oz. max.; 9/17 – White rice, 1-2 bags or boxes; 9/24 – Pasta 1 lb. packages (not lasagna). Thanks, Connie & Mission Team

**Book Club:** St. John Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at St. John. We will be discussing **The Only Woman in the Room** by Marie Benedict at our September 11th gathering. Everyone is welcome.

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Romans 12:9-21

Spirit-Led Living

*A Labor Day litany in the wake of pandemic, based on Romans 12:9-21*

Holy God,

On this Labor Day, we give you thanks. We thank You, for those whose work brings them to the front lines of caring and curing. We thank you for doctors and hospital janitors, nurses and nursing assistants, office workers who keep hospitals running smoothly, scientists who continually quest for vaccines and cures that will keep us safe.

On this Labor Day, we recall Paul's urging in the letter to Romans, to "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." May we do so now.

On this Labor Day, we mourn. We weep with those who have lost loved ones who served on the pandemic's front lines. We recall other areas where safety is compromised and lives are lost, and we vow to continue to make work a place where no one needs fear for their health or safety.

On this Labor Day, we recall Paul's urging in the letter to Romans, to "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." May we do so now.

On this Labor Day, we remember. We remember those who have labored long and given much so that all workers may be safe and fairly compensated. We ask to be reminded that our faith's call to simplicity does not mean that working families should have to sacrifice basic needs like food, housing, and medical care. We pray for the wisdom and the courage needed to create your reign on earth, where all experience plenty, ease, and abundance.

On this Labor Day, we recall Paul's urging in the letter to Romans, to "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." May we do so now.

On this Labor Day, we pray that the love, affection, and honor that Paul impressed upon his friends may also fill our hearts and overflow into all places we live and work. In your holy name we pray, Amen.



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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.



**DON'T MISS RALLY DAY!**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP**  
**with our CHURCH FAMILY!**

**HOT DOGS!**



**ICE CREAM!**



**BOUNCY HOUSE!**



**FUN & GAMES!**

**BRING A FRIEND!**