

St. John's UCC  
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Sunday, November 21, 2021  
Reign of Christ

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*(The congregation's parts are printed in bold type.)*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the light of the morning!

Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through clouds!

**God has spoken to us and meets us here.**

**We live in covenant with the Eternal One.**

Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear!

Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death!

**We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ.**

**We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.**

The Spirit encounters us here that we might learn.

The Spirit inspires us that we might serve.

**God anoints us for ministry, giving us tasks to do.**

**God's word is on our tongues, that the world may believe.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

**"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Alpha and Omega, whose creative energy through untold billions of years has brought us to this time of encounter, we rejoice in the ministry of Jesus that revealed your love and provided for us forgiveness of sin and fullness of life. May we embrace that reign which is beyond the standards of this world, testifying to your truth by our words and deeds, that others may learn to trust your love. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**\*CARE CHORUS** *(children may leave for Sonshine Kids Club)*

*I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

**GOSPEL** **John 18:33-37 (NIV)**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** **"In Our Gathering"**

**SERMON** **"Listen to Jesus"**

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (*in unison*)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Universal Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(Petitions are offered by the Pastor, ending with the following phrase to which all may respond, as indicated below.)*

Christ, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

### **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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** *(sung)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Jesus Shall Reign”**

**\*BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty:  
the Creator,  
the Redeemer,  
and the Sanctifier,  
be with you all.  
**Amen.**

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Verse 1:     “*Alleluia, Alleluia*”  
Verse 2:     “*God be with you, Alleluia*”

### **\*POSTLUDE**

***Participants:*** Rev. David Poe, Intentional Interim Minister; Ann Gaadt, Organist & Pianist; Rhonda Hanne, Liturgist; Janet Summer & Don Hartman, Ushers; Jean Hoskins & Ron Winchell, Sound Booth; Kristy Kniest, Bell Ringer; Ellen Waterman & Susie Weaver, Son Shine Kids Club.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Last Week’s Worship Attendance: 64  
Facebook Views: 57 Youtube Channel Views: N/A

### **GET CONNECTED**

Welcome! We are glad you came. Please locate a “Welcome Card” in your pew and fill it out so we can send you our weekly *eBlast* and *One Call Now* updates about upcoming activities at St. John’s UCC.

### **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

***Office Hours M-F from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mary Trostel, Admin.)***

#### **Sunday, Nov. 21**

10 a.m. Worship Service  
10 a.m. Son Shine Kids’ Club (following Children’s Time)  
10 a.m. Facebook Live & 88.9 FM - Live Streaming  
11 a.m. Hanging of the Greens / Luncheon

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 23**

8 a.m. Men’s Bible Study via Zoom

11 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

6 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

7 p.m. AA Meeting

**Wednesday, Nov. 24**

No Women's Bible Study this week

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Nov. 25**

*Office Closed for Thanksgiving*

**Friday, Nov. 26**

*Office Closed for Thanksgiving*

**POLICY ON MASKS** Per CDC guidelines, our church council recommends you wear your mask in our church, but if you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required. If you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask. Thank you!



## **In Memoriam**

John Francis Attaway  
October 8, 1944 - July 14, 2021

Lynette Jeane Baker  
September 28, 1951 - February 12, 2021

Mary Ann Behr  
March 21, 1931 - September 12, 2021

Robert Bonn  
Unavailable - February 2021

Rex Carpenter  
March 17, 1940 - November 21, 2021

Arno Emerson Denney  
July 3, 1932 - September 21, 2021

Lennes "Lenny" Dale Fehl  
October 19, 1947 - December 11, 2021

John "Jack" Frederick  
December 30th, 1941- June 6, 2021

Hildegard Gartner  
March 19, 1926 - February 15, 2021

Valeria "Val" Gumper  
May 15, 1941 - October 5, 2021

Louell Gravemann  
January 1, 1937 - September 7, 2021

Virgil Gravemann  
February 21, 1935 - June 10, 2020

Opal Hale  
Unavailable - February 28, 2021

Betty Lammert  
February 14, 1943 - September 6, 2021

Diana Lewis  
November 17, 1958 - July 24, 2021

Nelson John Morren  
July 20, 1940 - November 6, 2021

Daniel Edward Nadler  
October 22, 1973 - May 26, 2021

Don Oelklaus  
August 12, 1942 - October 21, 2021

Linda Putney  
November 2, 1946 - August 14, 2021

Fred Solomon  
October 31, 1940 - October 14, 2021

Robert Wm. Strouse  
October 12, 1955 - February 23, 2021

Lyn Rose Wade  
January 8, 1967 - April 2, 2021

## **COUNCIL UPDATES**

The council has formed a pastoral search committee! We are in the process of notifying those who were approved in the council meeting on 11/16 and will include the committee's members in next week's bulletin.

The council has approved new officers for 2022. Brad Rehm will continue as President, Kristy Kniest will serve as Vice President and Loire Kroeger will be our recording secretary. Many thanks to the outgoing council members: Suzi Weaver, Greg Hale and Roy Boschert.

The council is seeking a new BBQ coordinator and Christian Foundation leader. If you are interested in helping out in either of these roles, please contact any of the council members.

## **MISSION & CARING MINISTRY TEAM NEWS**

Members of the Mission and Caring Committee are Gina Hale, Suzie Weaver, Connie Wildt, Rhonda Hanne, and Dana Fehr

- **F.I.S.H. (Food Pantry Needs for November)**
- Chili
- Canned Pasta

- Pork & Beans
- Stuffing Mix
- Jiffy Muffin Mix
- Pumpkin
- Cereal
- Saltine Crackers

Place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

- **Meals Made with Love** - If you, or someone you know needs a meal while recovering from a hospitalization, please contact Connie Wildt, [cjwildt@yahoo.com](mailto:cjwildt@yahoo.com), or 636-928-4719.
- **Homebound?** If you know of someone who should be included on our shut-in list to receive quarterly Holy Communion from the minister and occasional visits and gifts from our team, please contact the church office at 636-926-8995 or [office@stjohnsweldonspring.org](mailto:office@stjohnsweldonspring.org).
- Soda tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House** are still being collected. So far this year we have turned in 6.6 pounds of soda tabs.
- **Old eyeglasses** can be put in the bin in fellowship hall. The eyeglasses are collected throughout the year for the Festival of Sharing.

**The Hats and Mittens Tree collection** will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of O’Fallon/St. Peters. If you would like to donate new hats and mittens for ages 5-18, please bring them to the services through November 21 and hang them on the tree in the sanctuary.

More about The Boys & Girls Club: For more than 60 years, Boys & Girls Clubs have been providing a world-class Club Experience to youths. Each member is placed on a track to:

- Graduate from high school with a plan for the future
- Develop the ability to demonstrate good character and citizenship
- Live a healthy lifestyle.

**The Angel Tree goes up November 28, 2021.**

This year we are adopting a family from St. Charles county as well as continuing to support Uni-Pres KinderCottage, an UCC Child Development Center in East St. Louis, IL.



Our adopted family consists of a mother, Lucia, her two sons John, 14 and Jose, 21 and her 3 month old baby boy, named Valentin. They really need food and clothes.

There will be angels on the tree with what they need. Please take one and return it with the unwrapped item taped to it by December 12.

If it's a gift card or a monetary gift, place it in the envelope attached to the angels and put it on the offering plate. There will be extra envelopes under the tree if you misplace your envelope.

We also plan to provide 6, \$25 gift cards to grocery stores for food.

For Kinder Cottage there will be 20 angels for monetary giving with an envelope attached so you can place them in an offering plate. These donations will be mailed to Kinder Cottage.

The Angel tree collection will be from November 28 through December 12.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## **Mission & Caring Ministry Annual Poinsettia Sale**

As a project of our Caring and Mission Ministry for the holiday season, we will take orders for poinsettias, which will be used to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Proceeds from this sale will be donated to *The Christmas Fund* for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. (funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties). All friends and members are welcome to order. Only a limited supply of these traditional plants (nursery-grown in 6'pots) are available for this worthwhile mission project, so we ask that orders be placed as soon as possible.

Please indicate on the attached form any commemoration you wish. We ask for a minimum donation of \$15.00 per plant. Plants may be taken home after our Christmas Eve Service. Orders may be placed before or after worship service November 28 and December 12, by calling the church office at 636-926-8995, or by emailing [office@stjohnsweldonspring.org](mailto:office@stjohnsweldonspring.org) anytime.

**Movie Time** - The movie date for November will be Tuesday, **November 30th** at St Charles cinema on Hwy 94. Movie options are "**Ghostbusters: Afterlife**" or "**King Richard**". Check Rotten Tomatoes for synopses. Please email your preference to [jeanahoskins15@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanahoskins15@yahoo.com). Showtime will be announced later. We will have dinner at Ginghams on 94.

## **PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2022**

Members received a special mailing recently asking you to prayerfully consider your giving to support St. John's UCC, Weldon Spring, as we head into 2022. Please mail it to the church, or drop it in the collection box in the sanctuary. We will be collecting these throughout the month of November.

## **UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Please help us keep current information on file as we prepare for a New Directory. Attached is a Membership Form to fill out and turn into the office.

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Prayer request cards are located on the small table as you enter for worship. Please fill one out and give it to the Minister, or an Usher. Make sure you have the person's permission before filling out a card and let us know when it's time to remove a request for this list.*

***Comfort and Healing:** Sharon Kolkmeier; John Long; Buzz Saeuberlich; Zoey Poyser; Danny Kolkmeier; Larry Nadler; George Schile; Kendra Howell; Dave & Dorothy Kappeller; Pat Fischer; Sue Hartman.*

***Others for whom we have concern:** Sharon Moore (mother of Kristy Kniest), Mark Steven Leuthauser (son of Mark A. Leuthauser); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell); Mike Robertson (Vicie Smith's nephew); Nelson Morrem (Marian Lonning's brother); Gail Smith (Vickie Smith's daughter-in-law); Mike Hollis (friend of Pam Johnston); Rose Stamm (friend of Barb Eickmeier); Shara Power (Dot Janitch's granddaughter); June Bonn (Chris Savage's sister); Joy Bellow; Larry Smith (friend of Weavers); Pastor Jeff Willey; Sandy (daughter of Mary Lafser); Shirley Gibeson (mother of Debbie Lilley); Gary Rose (Barb Rose's step-son); Brenna Rolle Stretch (friend of Shelia Fredrick); Noelle Billy (sick with covid, Bleeckert family); Elesha Winschel (friend of Mary Trostel); Valevie Logaglio (Kidney Surgery, friend of the Weavers).*