

St. John's United Church of Christ, Weldon Spring
September 11, 2022, 10 a.m.
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell, and Announcements

***Hymn: "Rejoice, You Pure In Heart" NCH 55**

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 4, Luke 15)

Leader: From our wanderings and wonderings,

People: we are welcomed home by God.

Leader: Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

People: God comes to rescue and return us to safety.

Leader: Come to be found,

People: for all are welcome here.

Unison Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the mighty power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way hom. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Cares Chorus (Sung)

**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.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Special Music: "You Are My All in All" by the Choir

Sermon: "God's Mercy Is Greater Than Your Mistakes"
by Rev. David W. Poe, Intentional Interim

***The Apostle's Creed**

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 and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

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.**

**Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly" NCH 449*

Blessing and Response (Sung)

The congregation is invited to hold hands as we sing the response.

Alleluia, Alleluia

God be with you, Alleluia

Postlude

**The congregation may stand.*

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