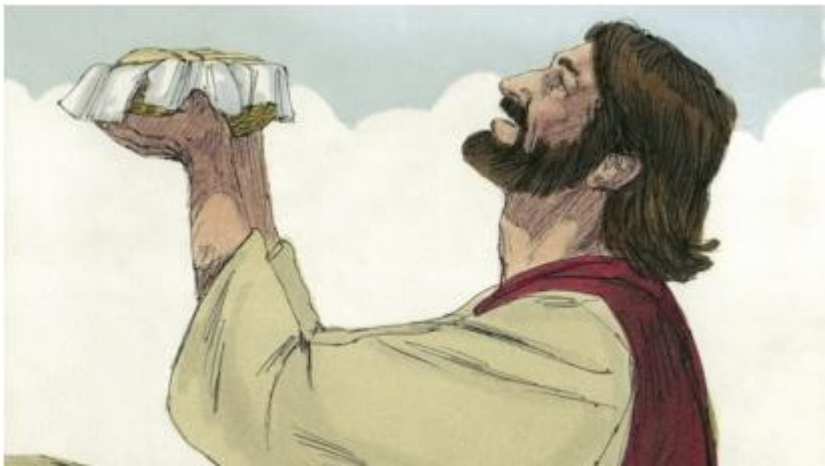


**August 12, 2018 – 10:00 am**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**ST. JOHN UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Our mission is to worship and serve God  
in our church, community, and the world.



**Jesus offers us "bread from heaven."**

**We are an Open and Affirming congregation,  
where all are welcome.**

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Please respond with words in **bold** print.

**\*Please stand if comfortably able**

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- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.

**PRELUDE: “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Eugene McClosky**

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 130**

One: Wait for God, who deals gently with us. Watch for God’s appearance among us.

**MANY: Out of the depths we cry out to God. Will God hear the voice of our supplications?**

One: In all times and places, we can rely on God. We can know steadfast love, here and now.

**MANY: We keep our morning watch together. We will support one another as we seek to know God.**

One: Find hope in God’s power to redeem us. Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.

**MANY: Life’s battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 48**

**“Jesus the Christ Says”**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**We come to you, holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that**

tear at the very fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you. Amen.

**\*GLORIA: NCH 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.**

**EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Lay Liturgist**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:35, 41-51**

**SERMON: "What Nourishes Us For the Journey?"**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 99 "Abide with Me"**

**\*UNISON READING OF THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH:  
NCH 885 and On Screen**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769**

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES**

**OFFERTORY: “Fill My Cup Lord” Richard Blanchard**

**\*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.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Thank you, God, for your continuing guidance, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for underserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, and love to your children. Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 81**

**“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Amen, Amen, Amen**

**POSTLUDE: “Unto Thee Do We Give Thanks” James  
Denton**

**“Our worship has ended – Now our service begins.”**