

June 17, 2018 – 10:00 am

# Father's Day

## ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



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:

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:** Based on Psalm 20

One: It is good to give thanks to God!

Come to make music to our Creator.

**MANY: God knows our troubles and remembers our need. Our petitions are answered and our hearts' desires fulfilled.**

One: Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Seek God's help in the sanctuary.

**MANY: We know that God will help the anointed ones. Our pride is in God alone.**

One: Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again. How great is our God, our rock and defender!

**MANY: God will respond when we call. We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 104**

**"We Hail You God's Anointed"**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**We turn to you, God of all worlds, knowing we can depend on you when earthly rulers stumble and fall, when other relationships are strained and broken,**

**when we are faced with difficult challenges. It is good to declare your faithfulness when we have been unfaithful. It is good to give thanks, for when we do, we are reminded of the multitude of blessings we so often take for granted. Lead us in this time of worship. 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.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

**Lay Liturgist**

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

**\*GOSPEL LESSON:**

**Mark 4:26-34**

**SERMON: “Planting the Seeds of the Kingdom”**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 433**

**“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** Beginning with silent personal prayer.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it 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 772**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES**

**OFFERTORY:**

**\*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:**

**You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God.  
We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful  
thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture  
the seeds of hope and healing in this community and  
beyond. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 425**

**“For the Fruits of All Creation”**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 82 Verse one**

**Go my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking,  
sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love’s  
baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my  
children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**POSTLUDE:**

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