

# St. John's

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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*Go For The Gold*

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*\* indicates that the congregation rise in body or in spirit*

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Rock Of Ages*

RANDY HIATT

*A time for prayer & meditation, and/or greeting our fellow worshipers.  
Please silence cell phones, and be respectful of those around you.  
At 10am we will stand to sing Part of the Family (inside cover of Hymnal)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

ONE: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**ALL: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

ONE: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

#### \* HYMN

*Circle Of Friends*

Jim Manley

Come and sit together in a circle of friends  
Be at home, be at peace, be at rest.  
Come and sit together in a circle of friends,  
Sitting in a circle is best.

<p><b>Laugh, (echo: laugh)</b> <b>Cry, (echo: cry)</b> <b>Live, (echo: live)</b> <b>Die, (echo: die)</b> <b>Hello, (echo: hello)</b> <b>Goodbye, (echo: goodbye)</b> <b>And God make us a circle of friends.</b></p>
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Somewhere it is evening  
and the woods fill up with moonlight  
The creatures make their music  
and the word is on the wind.

There's a fire in the clearing  
and the voices you are hearing  
are the singing of a circle of friends.

**(Refrain)**

Once when it was night  
and he sat with them at supper  
He told them that this feast  
was the beginning and the end.  
And he made the bread his body  
and he made the wine his blood  
And he gave them to this circle of friends.

**(Refrain)**

Somewhere it is morning  
and the church fills up with sunlight  
The Spirit's in the music  
and the word is on the wind.

There is fire on the table  
and the bread and wine are speaking  
And God makes us a circle of friends.

Laugh, (echo: laugh)

Cry, (echo: cry)

Live, (echo: live)

Die, (echo: die)

Hello, (echo: hello)

Goodbye, (echo: goodbye)

God make us a circle,

And God keep us a circle

God keep us a circle of friends.

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God of mystery, God of life,  
we imagine that we are capable judges  
of power and wisdom and goodness.

We trust our own standards;  
we separate and categorize;  
we mark the performance of others.

We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.

We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.

Gracious God, hidden and manifest,  
transform our withered imaginations  
until we yield the judgments we trust  
to a love we cannot control. Amen.

*[silent prayer and personal confession]*

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE**

ONE: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you

**ALL: And also with you.**

*[we share signs of Christ's peace with one another]*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, And to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**ANTHEM**

*Steal Away*

CHANCEL CHOIR

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 29:15-28

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

ONE: ... This is the Word of The LORD.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Go For The Gold*

**\* HYMN #341**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and endless praises crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

4 Let all the people rise and bring  
their special honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED** (*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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE 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.

**RESPONSE**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
in - cline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

**THANKSGIVING**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*There's Something About That Name*

CHANCEL CHOIR

**\* DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all Creatures here below  
Praise God above all heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\* HYMN #564**

*God Is Working His Purpose Out*

1 God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out,  
the time is drawing near.  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

2 From the east to utmost west,  
where human feet have trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God,  
"Give ear to me, you continents,  
you isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea."

3 March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious  
Gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world.  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin  
to set the captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

4 All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed.  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed.  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*To take each moment  
and live each moment in peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me*

**\* POSTLUDE**



## LEADING TODAY IN WORSHIP

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Rev. Bill Schroeder, Minister Emeritus</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Kristina Palmer</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Jamie Vaughn</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Carolyn Reiff</b>
<b>Pianist</b>	<b>Pamela Prater</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Trenton, Kristina, Lilly Hicks</b>
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	<b>Truitt Family</b>

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Faye Brannan, Paula Castles, Sammie Collins,  
Anna Germeshausen Claudette Johnson, Martha Kessler,  
Leni Maas, Pete Martin, Al Massa,  
Dathion Ruiz, Doug Smith, Mary Ann Stewart, Helene Tidball,  
For the caregivers within our community,  
Those serving in the military and their families,  
Local, national, and international leaders,  
All who suffer persecution around the world.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

**Worship** *1:15 pm, St. John's Village Chapel*

### TUESDAY

**W.E.M.M. meeting** *Noon, Woodland Presbyterian Church*

### WEDNESDAY

**Potluck & Adult Study** *5:30 pm, Social Hall*

### THURSDAY

**Choir Practice** *6:30 pm Sanctuary*

### FRIDAY

**Game Night and Potluck,** *5:30 p.m. Social Hall*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ALTAR LIGHT

#### **Potluck and Adult Study this Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Presentation from Rev. Daniel Ross-Jones, our Associate Conference Minister about good governance, and best practices for non-profit organizations. Consistory is encouraged to attend, and all are invited.

#### **August 15<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for September Altar Light**

#### **Movie Night**

August 11<sup>th</sup>, come watch *Rain Man*. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., Social Hall

#### **Yolo Youth Collective (YYC)**

This month's host will be Woodland United Methodist Church, at the corner of North and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8pm, we will finally have our Proper Summer Water Fight. In addition to our normal Sunday evening meetings, I have signed up for a shift from 11:30am-3:00pm, Wednesday August 16, at the Moo Cow booth, and would love four or more youth group kids to serve with me! And on our regular Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm-6:00pm, we will also be volunteering for the Methodist Church's yearly youth fundraiser by scooping and selling ice cream at the Moo Cow booth at the Yolo County Fair. (Check your Altar Light for details.)

Yolo Youth you continue to be Awesome

Blessings, Ryan Johnson Youth Minister 949-463-9545 [ryanmagus@icloud.com](mailto:ryanmagus@icloud.com)

#### **Memorial Chairs**

Have you seen the plaque? A very nice way to acknowledge someone, chairs are still available to commemorate or honor our family members and friends. Forms and pens are on the table in the narthex.