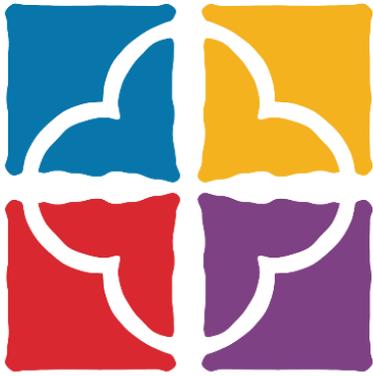


THE CHURCH ON THE AVENUE



ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

TRINITY SUNDAY

First Sunday After Pentecost

*Baptized by your spirit into one body,
we testify to your faithfulness towards those
of every time, nation, people, and language,
and we give you thanks.*

June 12, 2022

Welcome!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

**Masks are required when you enter, move about, or sing in the Church house.
Masks are optional when you are seated in a pew and physically distanced.**

As a courtesy to others silence your phone.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back.

Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

Visit the Welcome Table, located in the back, to learn more about St. John Church.

Gathering Music & Lighting Candles (10:20a)

Steve Milloy, piano; Adeline Palm, Acolyte

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" -*John B. Dykes, arr. Lani Smith*

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -*Traditional American Melody, arr. Teresa Wilhelmi*

"Hymn of Solace" -*John Turner*

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" -*John Stainer, arr. Todd Beaney*

Welcome, Call to Worship, & Opening Prayer (10:30a) Keith M. Haithcock

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

All: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

All: Spirit of God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Opening Hymn, 274 (Rise in body or spirit.) "Womb of Life, and Source of Being"

Opening Our Lives to God

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

All: We have promised to live as your people, God.

Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another.

We do not honor one another as we should.

As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy.

We do not work together as one to your glory.

We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry.

We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us.

Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: Hear the good news:

**All: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,
we learn that God's love has no bounds.**

One: In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song of New Life and Action

"I'm Yours"

Refrain: I'm yours, Lord everything I've got, everything I am, everything I'm not.
I'm yours Lord; Try me now and see, see if I can be completely yours.

My life and my love I leave in your hands; I'll gladly perform as your will demands.
I know it's not much, your gift to repay, but it's all I can give, and all I can say.

You put in us all desire to belong, to join with your strength and thus become strong.
With that thought in mind, I reach for the prize; I lift up my voice to re-emphasize.

Mission Moment

Pastor Mollie Foster

Park Ridge Community Church (UCC) Park Ridge, IL - Youth Appalachia Service Project

Praying Together and The Prayer of Jesus

Keith M. Haithcock

Let us pray for the well-being of
the church, the world, and all in need, saying
God, in your wisdom, **receive our prayer.**

One: As Jesus modeled for us, we pray...

**ALL: Loving God, in whom is heaven, may your name be honored everywhere.
May your kin-dom come.
May the desire of your heart for the world be done,
in us, by us and through us.
Give us the bread we need for each day.
Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others.
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.
For you reign in the power that comes from love
which is your glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Romans 5.1-5

Dale Clark

Now since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended. But not only that—we even rejoice in our afflictions! We know that affliction produces perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and character, hope. And such a hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Such A Hope Does Not Disappoint”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us” -*Stuart Townend, arr. Larry Shackley*

An Invitation to the Offering

Dale Clark

Being generous is a conscious decision from the heart to do something with what you have. Christians believe that God calls people to be generous with what God has given to them. It is a sign of trust in God, that there will be enough for everyone, so share it. Being generous isn't always about money, we can be generous in so many other practical ways.

Proverbs 3:27-28 says, Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. Don't tell your neighbor “Maybe some other time” or “Try me tomorrow” when the money's right there in your pocket.

Offering plates are available at both the front and back of the Church. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God bless you as you give your gifts of time, talent, and treasure generously to continue this ministry of justice, diversity, and inclusion. A beacon of hope and inspiration.

Unison Offering Prayer

All good gifts around us come from you, O God.
You have given us life and new life in Christ.
As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts
that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

Closing Song, 278 (Rise in body or spirit.) "Creator God, Creating Still"

Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.) Keith M. Haithcock

A Singing Response "Trees of the Field" (everyone singing)
(* * denotes claps) Isaiah 55.12

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, * *
The trees of the field will clap their hands, * *
The trees of the field will clap their hands. * * While you go out with joy.

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