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November 9, 2025

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: "Alleluia" George Blake
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***Welcome**

Call to Worship based on Psalm 146

One: Joy comes to those who hope in God.

All: For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.

One: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

All: The Lord will reign forever,

One: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

All: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

Hymn #611..... “O Day of God, Draw Near”

Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Today we come into the holy presence of the Lord with joyful hearts. Let us profess our unending need for Jesus in our lives!

All: Triune God, Creator, Son, and Spirit

One, we praise you this and every day! We gather together with joy and revelry as we thank you for this blessed community! Help

O Day of God, Draw Near

R. B. Y. Scott, 1937; alt.

1. O Day of God, draw near
in beau-ty and in power,
Come with your time-less judg-ment now
to match our pres-ent hour.
2. Bring to our trou-bled minds,
un-cer-tain and a-fraid,
The qui-et of a stead-fast faith,
calm of a call o-beyed.
3. Bring jus-tice to our land,
that all may dwell se-cure,
And fine-ly build for days to come
foun-da-tions that en-dure.
4. Bring to our world of strife
your sov-ereign word of peace,
That war may haunt the earth no more
and des-o-la-tion cease.
5. O Day of God, draw near
as at cre-a-tion's birth;
Let there be light a-gain, and let
your reign be-gin on earth.

Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15

us to continue to learn and grow in your love. Make us a reflection of your love and light to our wider community. Help us to be the church, your servant people, moving and working in the world around us so that everyone can experience your love. Amen!

Confession Response 🎵 Hymn #456, V 1

More love to you, O Christ, more love to you!

**Hear now the prayer I make faith to renew.
In all I say and do, more love, O Christ, to you,**

More love to you, More love to you!

Words of Reassurance

One: Beloved community, you have been blessed by our incredible God, and you are a blessing in this world. Go forth refreshed and renewed today to continue the work of justice and righteousness.

All: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” John 13:34-35

Response to Words of Assurance: 🎵 Hymn #471, v3

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?**

**I have blessed peace with my Savior near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all
alarms;**

**Leaning, leaning, leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

New Member

Royanna Hermanstyne

Rev: Let us, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Many: WE welcome you with joy in the common life of the church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the Power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior!

Scriptures

Judy Garrigan

Reading 1: Luke 20:27-38 (Page 851)

Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for grace)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Moment: Dedication of Pray Ground

Sermon: Celebration

Rev. Becky Sausser

Hymn #547..... “Amazing Grace”

(Note: Ushers will collect “Prayer Cards” during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #510 Verse 2

Grant us faithfulness in praying,

Strength to keep our souls from straying,

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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St. 1–4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

St. 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

1. A-maz-ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-
 lieved;
 How pre-cious did that grace ap-pear the hour I first be-lieved!
3. Through man-y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I have al-read-y come;
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me
 home.
4. My God has prom-ised good to me, whose word my hope se-cures;
 God will my shield and por-tion be as long as life en-dures.
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin-ing as the
 sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be-gun.

**Sense to cease from disobeying,
God of mercy, hear us.**

Chancel Choir “Make Your Life a Song to
God”

Jayne Southwick Cool

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Offertory “Pastorale”

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* Doxology 

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn #253.....“Yours is the Glory,
Resurrected one!”

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!
(Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Edmond L. Budry, 1904

Transl. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1993

1. A toi la gloi-re, ô Res-sus-ci-té!
A toi la vic-toi-re, pour l'é-ter-ni-té!
Bril-lant de lu-mière, l'ange est de-scen-du,
il rou-le la pier-re du tom-beau vain-cu.
A toi la gloi-re, ô Res-sus-ci-té!
A toi la vic-toi-re, pour l'é-ter-ni-té!
1. Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!
End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.
An-gels clothed in ra-diance rolled the stone a-way;
con-quer-ed is the grave in which your bod-y lay.
Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!
End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.
2. See, it is Je-sus, Je-sus has ap-peared;
do not doubt at all for noth-ing you will fear.
Let the church with glad-ness hymns of tri-umph sing;
tell it with-out ceas-ing: Death has lost its sting.
Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!
End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.

3. Am I still fright-ened? One whom I a-dore,
Je-sus, lives a-gain, gives peace for-ev-er-more.
Je-sus is my vic-tory, life and strength and Head;
Je-sus is my glo-ry, noth-ing shall I dread.
Yours is the glo-ry, Res-ur-rect-ed One!
End-less is the vic-tory you o'er death have won.

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

* Commission and Blessing

* **Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Music to Go Forth: “Praise Be to
God” Matt Powers

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sanctuary. Follow **EXIT** signs

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

God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor
Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist
April Riddick.....Custodian
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

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