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usher.**

***Indicates that people may stand as they are able**

May 31, 2026

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: "Simple Gifts"

Arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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Welcome

Hawk Rissell

Call to Worship led by Josh Pyle

**One: Holy Lord, we gather together to praise your
holy name!**

**All: We gather together to praise the name of
Jesus!**

One: Praise the Lord! Fearfully and wonderfully made!

All: Praise the Lord! Bless the Lord, oh my soul!

One: In this beloved community all are welcome!

All: We gather together united in God's love!

Hymn #272 Hallelu Hallelujah

Profession of Faith led by Danny Collier

And now I invite you to join with me for a profession of faith, knowing that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

All: Holy God, we gather together and celebrate because we are all welcomed to this church family! Together get the honor of being your hands and feet, reaching out to the rest of the world to tell them the good news. Bless each and every person gathered here today and receive our joyful worship. Amen.

Sung response: 🎵 Hymn #522, V3

**I love to tell the story; it's pleasant to repeat.
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderful
and sweet.**

**I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
The message of salvation from God's own holy word**

Words of Assurance led by Shakirah Pyle

One: It is so good to gather together in Jesus' name as one people!

All: It is good to be together where we are all welcome and loved!

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵 Hymn #522 V1

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story because it know it's true,
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

Scriptures

Reading 1: Ephesians 4:1-7

Henry Dopera

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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
Sermon: "St. John's Youth"

Maverick Rissell

Hymn#495

"Called as partners in Christ's service"

(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 #769

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

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

Nancy Rissell

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice,
called to min-is-tries of grace,
We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of shar-ing,
side by side and friend with friend,
E-qual part-ners in our car-ing
to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.

2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering,
rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er,
all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er
gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.

3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion,
in a small or glob-al sense,
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens,
break-ing down each wall or fence.
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion,
words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion,
make us col-leagues, free and fair.

DISCIPLESHIP

4. So God grant us for to-mor-row
ways to or-der hu-man life
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row
with a calm that con-quers strife.
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing,
our com-pas-sion to in-crease,
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing
hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22

Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory "Trusting Jesus" Lani Smith

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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#539 "Won't you let me be your servant"**

Benediction

* Commission and Blessing

* **Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Music to Go Forth

"God's Blessing Sends Us Forth" Lani Smith

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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

1. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, we are trav-ellers on the road;
We are here to help each oth-er go the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad-ow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with
you.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney
through.
5. When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har-mo-ny,
Born of all we've known to-geth-er of Christ's love and ag-o-ny.
6. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.

Rom. 12:9–18; Col. 1:24–29

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In emergencies, please use exits found to the left and right of the altar, to the right of the front pew, and at the rear of the 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
Lucia Guido.....Admin Assistant
Lois Mease.....Music Director and Organist
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

Office Hours

Sunday: 9am-2pm

Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm

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