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10:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: "Quartet No. 1"

Louis Dauprat, edited by Edward Brown

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## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**Leader: We gather together as people seeking hope.**

**People: Christ welcomes us with grace and love.**

**Leader: We gather as people longing for community.**

**People: Christ calls us to welcome one another.**

Leader: We gather as people sent into the world.

**People: Christ calls us to serve, to love, and to embody compassion.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

**People: With open hearts and willing spirits.**

**Amen.**

## **Hymn #543 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”**

### Profession of Faith

One: In a world filled with uncertainty and division, we gather together, no matter where we are on life's journey, to remember who we are and whose we are. Together, let us center our hearts in God, who meets us exactly where we are, and join in this prayer of faith. **ALL: Loving God, we place our trust in you. We believe in your presence among us, your grace that renews us, and your love that calls us beyond ourselves. Strengthen us to follow Christ through acts of compassion, welcome, justice, and mercy. Guide us by your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect your hope both within this church and throughout the world. Help us to live our faith boldly, love**

## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Frank Mason North, 1903; alt.

1. Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life,  
where sound the cries of clan and race,  
A-bove the noise of self-ish strife,  
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.
  
2. In haunts of wretch-ed-ness and need,  
on shad-owed thresh-olds framed with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vi-sion of your tears.
  
3. From ten-der child-hood's help-less-ness,  
from hu-man griefs and bur-dened toil,  
From fam-ished souls, from sor-rows' stress,  
we know your heart does not re-coil.
  
4. The cup of wa-ter given for you  
still holds the fresh-ness of your grace;  
Yet long these mul-ti-tudes to view  
the deep com-pas-sion of your face.
  
5. O Sav-ior, from the moun-tain-side,  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
A-mong these rest-less throngs a-bide,  
O tread the cit-y's streets a-gain:

## SERVICE

6. Till all shall learn com-pas-sion's might,  
And fol-low where your feet have trod,  
Till glo-rious from your realm of light,  
Shall come the cit-y of our God.

Luke 19:41; Matt. 10:42; Rev. 22:20

**our neighbors deeply, and serve with willing hearts. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

Response to prayer of confession 🎵 Hymn #416, V1

**I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord, till I die.**

**I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord, till I die.**

Words of Reassurance

Leader: Friends, faith is not only something we speak about, but something we live. We live this through love, compassion, and service, trusting in God's grace and guided by Christ's example.

**People: With God's help, we will seek to live our faith with open hearts and willing spirits. We will walk in faith, serve in love, and share God's hope with the world. Amen.**

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵 Hymn #457, V1

**Jesus, I live to you,  
the loveliest and best;  
My life will be your life in me,  
in your blessed love I rest.**

## Welcoming our New Member Gina Harvey

Rev: By your baptism you were made one with us in the Body of Christ and the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith, which brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith! Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

New Members: I promise with the help of God!

Rev: Let us, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ expresses our welcome and affirms 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

Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

Janet Cook

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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: Church Beyond the Sanctuary

Amanda Muschett

**Hymn #475 "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

*(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**

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,  
Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,  
When God is ev-er my por-tion? My con-stant friend will be:  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me;  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.  
I sing because I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free,  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.
  
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,  
And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path God leads me but one step I may see:  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me;  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.  
I sing because I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free,  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.
  
3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,  
When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,  
I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from care I am set free:  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me;  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.  
I sing because I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free,  
God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

Matt. 10:26–30; Luke 12:4–7

**is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #407 Verse 2

**“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to  
stand  
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.”**

**Special Music “Adoremus te, Christe”**

(Motet) Quirino Gasparini, arr. Lowel Shaw  
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Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory “Exaudi Deus”

Orlando di Lasso, arr. Mavin Howe  
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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 #391**

**“In the Midst of New Dimensions”**

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Sing Amen #760**

(Sing amen:) Amen, we praise your name, O God.

(Sing Amen:) Amen, we praise your name, O God.

(Sing Amen:) Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

**Music to Go Forth “Chaste Fugue”**

Mort Shafer

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Our music guests today are members of the LV Horns! They rehearse here bi-weekly and want to thank St. John's for their gracious hospitality.

Sharing their talents today are Barbara Haver, Lois Mease, Lauren Olivola and Mark Syslo.

We also want to thank Danny Collier for playing the service music on organ.

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## In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions,  
in the face of chang-ing ways,  
Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples  
wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?

*Refrain:*

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar,  
lead-ing where the ea-gles soar,  
We your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney  
now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple,  
war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,  
Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es?  
Who will light the flame of care?

*Refrain:*

3. As we stand a world di-vid-ed  
by our own self-see-king schemes,  
Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage,  
might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.

*Refrain:*

4. We are man and we are wom-an,  
all per-sua-sions, old and young,

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

Each a gift in your cre-a-tion,  
each a love song to be sung.

*Refrain:*

5. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions  
cause us to with-draw in pain,  
May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it  
res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

*Refrain:*

Gen. 9:12–16; Exod. 13:21–22; Num. 14:14

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## **Special Announcements/Reminders:**

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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

Closed on Fridays and Saturdays