

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

We are **delighted** that you are here in celebration and worship at St. John UCC. The members and friends of our faith community hope that you will encounter God in a meaningful and profound way, and that God's Spirit will inspire you today to live your faith out loud.

Our congregation remains committed to the proactive practices that support community health and wellness to end the Coronavirus pandemic. **Masks are still a Must in all public areas.**

**Assisted Listening Devices are available.** Please ask an usher.

**Please remember to return your name tag on your way out.**

We will have them waiting for your return next week!

We hope that you want to discover more about the congregation and its ministry in the community of Freeport, across our state and nation, and around the world. Please ask one of our ushers or visit us:

on the Web: [www.stjohnuccfreeport.org](http://www.stjohnuccfreeport.org)

on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport)

on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/stjohnfreeport](https://www.twitter.com/stjohnfreeport)

**If you cannot join us in person,** you will always have a front row seat on our live-stream at [facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport/live](https://facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport/live).

## FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**The Infant and Toddler Room** is provided for ages birth to 3 years with age-appropriate activities and equipment in **Room S3**. (Please note: the Infant Room is not staffed at this time.)

Following the *Conversation with Children*, we welcome children of all ages to join in faith formation or to continue in worship.

**Godly Play** welcomes youth Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade for a play-based faith formation in **Room S4**.

**Kids' Worship** welcomes youth 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to learn Bible stories, ask questions, and explore their faith together in **Room S8**.

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**COVID-19  
Protect Yourself**

**Vaccine Clinic Scheduled**

The State of Illinois is partnering with  
**St. John United Church of Christ  
Freeport, Illinois**

to bring a free vaccine clinic to an area near you.

Date: January 15, 2022  
February 5, 2022  
Start Time: 10:00 am  
End Time: 4:00 pm

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE?**  
5-11, 12-18, and Adult!  
VACCINATION TYPE BASED ON AGE

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?**  
Schedule your appointment at  
**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!  
1st/2nd VACCINE DOSES  
AND BOOSTERS**

**LOCATIONS:**

**ST JOHN**  
United Church of Christ  
1010 S Park Blvd  
Freeport, IL 61032

I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!

Can't make this event? Find a clinic near you by visiting [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov)  
Hotline: 1-833-621-1284



Questions about COVID-19?  
Call 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov)  
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 16, 2022 • 10:00 am

WELCOMING MUSIC and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *(For Everyone Born) A Place at the Table*  
Shirley Erena Murray  
Sounds of the Spirit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Thompson Brandt

One: Come, let us worship the God  
whose faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

**All: God's love stretches everywhere.**

One: God's righteousness is as tall as the biggest mountains.

**All: God's love stretches everywhere.**

One: God's justice is as deep as the ocean.

**All: God's love stretches everywhere.**

One: God's love is big enough for everyone.

**All: God's love stretches everywhere.**

One: Come, let us worship the God  
whose gifts flow abundantly.

\*HYMN (WAR 552) *We All Are One in Mission* AURELIA

\* An asterisk is an invitation to rise as one is able (in body or spirit).  
Please silence your mobile devices before the beginning of worship.

## GATHERING PRAYER

Silent Centering

Congregational Prayer (speaking together)

God of many gifts,  
you offer us so many things:  
food and drink,  
gifts for ministry,  
shelter from danger.

Above all, you offer overflowing love  
for all your people:

born of the hues of the earth;  
blessed and gifted with unique and diverse abilities  
challenged to extravagantly love like Christ loved,  
and be radically loved in return.

You provide us more than we could ever need  
and yet often we are not satisfied: we want more.

We hoard and do not share what we have.

We keep the best for ourselves,  
and offer the second best to you and to our neighbors.

In this time of worship,  
open us to your Spirit, that we might experience and celebrate  
the many gifts you give us.

Open us to step beyond our comfort,  
and to be the change our world needs us to be.

We are here, God, full of love. May love win, always.

In Christ's Way, we pray. Amen

**Words of Affirmation**

## GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 from the *New Revised Standard Version*  
Psalm 7 with thanks to *The Psalms Project*

## FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Barb Copus

**The Prayer of Our Savior**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

## ANTHEM

*Freedom Is Coming* Fielding, Masella & Tan  
Sounds of the Spirit

## GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11 from the *New Revised Standard Version*

## MESSAGE

*Every Voice* Rev. Hank Fairman

## \*HYMN (WAR 595)

*We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW...

## PRESENTING OUR HEARTS AND GIFTS TO GOD

Gathering the Gifts with Praise

Offering Song *Community* Dave Brown  
Sounds of the Spirit

## \*Prayer of Dedication (speaking together)

Loving God, your gifts are overflowing.

You have poured out love upon your people, and we seek to  
give back to you even a little of all you have given to us.

Take and use the gifts you have entrusted to us,  
and which we now offer back to you,  
that we in turn might overflow with love for your world. Amen.

## SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Litany For Justice and Hope

*in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## \*HYMN (WAR 729)

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*They'll Know We Are Christians* arr. Wilbur Held

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORDINATION OF RACHEL KIRK 1/23/2022, United Church of Gainesville, Florida

Pastor Rachel Kirk will be ordained on 1/23/2022, at her home congregation, the United Church of Gainesville in Gainesville, Florida. The ordination will be livestreamed, so that all in our community can take part of this celebration of God's work in our lives. The service will take place at 2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT.

*We'll host a viewing party at St. John UCC for the whole community to share in the service of ordination together.*

### 2022 CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING 1/30/2022, following worship

All members of St. John United Church of Christ are called to a Congregational Meeting, January 30, 2022, following 10:00 morning worship; in accordance with Article V of the Constitution and Article I of the Bylaws of St. John UCC.

The business to be conducted shall be:

- The receipt of the 2021 annual financial reports
- The approval of the 2022 budget
- And any other business deemed appropriate by Church Council.

Signed,

/s/ Lisa Schubert, Clerk of Council

Copies of the annual ministry and financial reports and budget will be available one week prior to the meeting.

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**St. John United Church of Christ – Freeport, IL**

an Open and Affirming congregation,  
where God is Still Speaking,

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated  
*“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,  
‘what are you doing for others?’”*

**All: We hear the question call to us,  
“What are you doing for others?”**

One: King stated that  
*“An individual has not begun to live until he can rise above  
the narrow horizons of his particular individualistic concerns  
to the broader concerns of all humanity.”*

**All: In the name of service, “What are we doing for others?”**

One: King also said that  
*“Every person must decide, at some point,  
whether they will walk in the light of creative altruism  
or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”*

**All: In the name of community,  
“What are we doing for others?”**

One: We are all the benefactors of the deeds, contributions and  
sacrifices of those who have gone before us. They left their  
mark; we enjoy the fruit of their labor. It is incumbent upon us,  
therefore, to leave our mark and to make greater contributions  
to the betterment of society.

**All: In the name of those who have gone before us,  
“What are we doing for others?”**

One: To whom much is given, much is required. The freedoms and  
privileges of our citizenship along with the right to pursue our  
dreams are gifts of immeasurable proportion. What legacy will  
we leave those who will come after us?

**All: In the name of generations yet to come,  
“What are we doing for others?”**

One: Remembering the wisdom God has given us through the work  
of Dr. King and the leaders of the Civil Rights Era, we are  
challenged. What will be our response to life’s most persistent  
and urgent question?

**All: In response to the question,  
we endeavor to rise above the narrow confines of  
individualistic concerns. We commit ourselves to making a  
difference for the betterment of society at large and within  
the communities in which live. Amen.**

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