

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.

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

on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport

For our younger guests, Worship Enrichment "Busy Bags" are available in the Narthex. These are located at the counter outside of the Chapel Hearth Room. Check in with an usher to organize a bag!

Parents and guardians are also welcome to use Room S3, the Infant Room, to care for their families as needed. There is a television in the room to view the worship service in real time.

Assisted Listening Devices are located at the Sound Board in the back of the Sanctuary. Earpiece and "Induction Loops" for hearing aids are both available. Please ask an usher for assistance in their use.

Please remember to return your name tag on your way home. We will have them waiting for your return next week!

If you cannot join us in person, you will always have a front row seat on our live stream at facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport/live.

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Faith Formation for All Ages

Our regular faith formation classes for youth and adult formation will take a summer break in June, July and August. We hope that this year has fed your body, mind, and spirit! There's still a lot going on in our congregation to feed your faith this summer! Keep reading!

Summer Youth Faith Formation: Church on the Go

Are you a family with at least one young person in Grades K-8? Stop by the Narthex beginning 5/31 to pick up your family's Church on the Go box! Inside the box you'll find activities to help you learn, grow in faith, and have lots of fun together – including your very own *Flat Jesus* to join you on all your summer adventures!

Bring Flat Jesus with you wherever you go this summer!

Adults and youth: Stop by the Narthex beginning 5/31 to pick up your very own *Flat Jesus*! Be sure to take him along on all your adventures, snap some photos, and send the photos to:

flatjesus@stjohnuccfreeport.org

We'll post them in the Sunday School hallway
so you can see what Flat Jesus has been up to!

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PENTECOST MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 24, 2026 • 10:00 am

WELCOMING MUSIC and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers; arr. C. Cole
Carl & Dianna Cole

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jill Collin

One: "Then I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind,"
thus says our God.

All: **God who creates the beauty of this earth,
God who connects us, one to another,**

One: "Your daughters and sons will prophesy,

All: **God who calls oppressors to repentance,
God who reminds kings
who is sovereign over creation**

One: "Your elders and your young people will dream dreams.

All: **God who turns weapons of war into farming tools,
God who plants vines and fig trees,
where none shall be afraid.**

One: God is Spirit, God is love, and God is near.

All: **The Spirit of Pentecost is here:
let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

*HYMN *Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow* ABERYSTWYTH
WAR #485

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* 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)

Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

Come, Whirlwind of Wonder!

Sing to the groaning of creation.

Come, still small voice of Hope!

Enflame us with your passion for justice.

Come, Liberator of the Least!

Purify us of our grasping greediness.

Come, Advocate of selfless living!

Silence our gossiping tongues.

Come, Harmony of God's Heart!

End in us our warring madness.

Wind of God, blow through us;

Fire of God, burn within us;

Tongue of God, speak to us on this day of renewal and birth.

Renew us in our calling as disciples of Christ's way
of justice, peace, love, and hope. Amen

GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

NRSV, Updated Edition

FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Tim Ebbers

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

Spirit of the Living God

Spiritual; arr: C. Cole

Carl & Dianna Cole

GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14-21

NRSV, Updated Edition

MESSAGE

What We Wove and Why

Rev. Hank Fairman

*HYMN

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

NCH #591

PRESENTING OUR HEARTS AND GIFTS TO GOD

Gathering the Gifts with Praise

One: Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me food.

All: "I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink.

One: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

All: "I was naked and you gave me clothing,

One: "I was sick and you took care of me,

All: "I was in prison and you visited me."

One: When did I do this?

**All: "Inasmuch as you did to the least of these,
my family and neighbors, you did it to me."**

One: Let all you do be done in love.

Offering Song

Ev'ry Time I Feel the SPIRIT

Spiritual;

Carl & Dianna Cole

arr: C. Cole

Doxology (CH #48)

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Christ, all creatures here below!

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore!

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

Filled with the Spirit's Power

NATIONAL HYMN

VU #194

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Go With Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

WAR #747

*POSTLUDE

Ev'ry Time I Feel the SPIRIT (Reprise)

arr. C. Cole

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PEACE POLE PROJECT INSTALLATION DAY SATURDAY, 5/30, 8:30 AM

Join the Mission & Outreach Team with the Peace Pole Project on Saturday, 5/30, at 8:30 am. The Peace Pole will be installed on the Park Boulevard front lawn of the church near the flagpole. Its location will be registered with The Peace Pole Project, sharing our commitment to building a more just and peaceful world in our time.

*Please sign up in the Narthex if you are available to assist
with the Peace Pole Installation so we can plan accordingly.*

**FREEPORT
PRIDE**

SAVE THE DATES!

Freeport Pride Picnic 6/13, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

LGBTQ+ Pride Sunday, 6/14, 10:00 am

St. John United Church of Christ – Freeport, IL

an Open and Affirming, Racial Justice Congregation,
where God is Still Speaking

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PENTECOST POTLUCK PICNIC **5/31, Following Worship**

Add your names to the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board or call the church office.



HONORING THE 2026 GRADUATES **5/31, During Worship**



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kampmeier Fund in the St. John Church Endowment was created to extend the generous spirit of our members and friends for educational scholarships. Members of our church community with acceptance to college are invited to apply.

Applications are available from the church office, or by emailing Pam Wessel at pam@stjohnuccfreeport.org.

Deadline for Applications is Sunday, 8/2



*Thank you to all who shared their gifts and time
in our Music Ministry in 2025-2026!*

As our regular ensembles take a summer break, our Music Director, Britney Kieselhorst is looking for volunteers to provide special music during worship. If you feel called to share your gifts, please take a moment to complete the form linked below:



<https://bit.ly/SJUCC2026SummerMusic>

Britney would love to fill as many of these opportunities as possible!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. And if you (or someone you know) may be interested in joining the music ministry this fall, please contact Britney (britney@stjohnuccfreeport.org), or encourage them to reach out and join our email list.

We are always glad to welcome new participants!

This Is My Song

Ps. 82:8

Lloyd Stone, 1934

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

Filled with the Spirit's Power

1 Filled with the Spir - it's power, with one ac -
2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on
3 Wi - den our love, good Spir - it, to em -

Trumpets before each stanza (optional)

cord the in - fant church con - fessed its ris - en Lord.
fire, that u - ni - ty may be our great de - sire.
brace with your com - pas - sion all the hu - man race.

O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to - day
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
Like wind and fire; with life a - mong us move,

no less your power of fel - low - ship dis - play.
and rea - di - ness in each to work for all.
till we are known as Christ's, and Christ - ian prove.

Words: J.R. Peacey 1969
Music: George William Warren 1894
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NATIONAL HYMN
10 10 10 10
Alt. tune: Ellers

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Save the date and plan your favorite summer dish to pass!



HONORING THE 2026 GRADUATES **5/31, During Worship**

St. John UCC celebrates with our members and friends who graduate high school, college, or graduate school this spring.

*Please submit names, honors, and information
to the church office by 5/17.*



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While a specific amount of award cannot be determined until all applications are received, applicants should anticipate assistance with books and supplies.

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