

## 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](http://www.stjohnuccfreeport.org)

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

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### Faith Formation for All Ages!

#### Summer Youth Faith Formation: Church on the Go

Stop by the Narthex to pick up your family's Church on the Go box!

#### Bring Flat Jesus with you wherever you go this summer!

Be sure to take him along on all your adventures, snap some photos, and send the photos to: [flatjesus@stjohnuccfreeport.org](mailto:flatjesus@stjohnuccfreeport.org)

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

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Jean Koch

Saturday, 6/27, 1-4pm

Please come and shower Jean Koch with cards in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are unable to attend, please send a card to:

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1234 S Park Blvd. #110  
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PRIDE SUNDAY

June 14, 2026 • 10:00 am

### WELCOMING MUSIC and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*All Are Welcome*

Haugen, arr. Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christina Fairman

One: We are the body of Christ!

**All: The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,  
mouth tasting, arms embracing Body of Christ!**

One: We are the body of Christ!

**All: Justice seeing, hymn singing, love making,  
bread breaking, risk taking Body of Christ!**

One: Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

**All: Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age,  
class, and ability, we are members of Christ's  
beautiful body.**

One: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

**All: For only together can we find wholeness.**

One: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

**All: For we are connected like muscle and bone and  
spirit. If one suffers, we all suffer.  
If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

One: For we are the body of Christ!

**All: Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.  
Let us worship!**

\*HYMN

*God of Many Faces*

SLANE

Words: Amy Cerniglia ©2019

*\* 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.*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Silent Centering

Congregational Prayer (speaking together)

Holy and Liberating God,  
you gather us in all our colors, all our names, all our bodies, all our beauty.

You gather the loud and the quiet,  
the certain and the questioning,  
the joyful and the grieving,  
the healed and the healing.

You gather queer children, trans children,  
nonbinary children, questioning children,  
fierce elders, chosen families,  
those who struggle, those who are trying,  
those still fighting.

Root us beside living water.

Root us in love that does not flinch.

Root us in justice that does not back down.

Root us in affirmation that refuses to whisper what should be shouted.

Let this worship be sanctuary and spark.

Let it be balm for the wounded and fire for the faithful.

Let it remind us that we are yours,  
and because we are yours,  
we shall not be moved. Amen.

**GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

*NRSV, Updated Edition*

**FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

Jan Kunkle

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**

*Love Never Fails*  
Shawn Killingbeck

Heath and Cates

**GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

*NRSV, Updated Edition*

**MESSAGE**

*The Announcement*

Rev. Hank Fairman

**\*HYMN**

*We Walk in Love*

WE WALK

Words & Music: Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon, © 2017

**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 *As Colors in the Sky*

Daniel Charles Damon

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

A Litany for LGBTQ+ Pride Sunday (see insert)

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

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

**\*HYMN**

*Sing a New World into Being*

NETTLETON

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Go With Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON

**WAR #747**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Scherzo on Nettleton*

David Schelat



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!**

St. John UCC is heading to Beloit, WI for a minor league baseball game between the Beloit Sky Carp and South Bend Cubs! on Sunday, 7/5/2026, with gates opening at 12:05 pm and first pitch at 1:05 pm.

**Tickets are \$40** (fans 3 and under are free). This includes your **entry, all-you can eat lunch buffet, and non-alcoholic beverages.**

*Ticket Orders must be placed by Sunday, 6/21*

And we're getting gameday St. John UCC baseball tees! If you would like to order yours for the game, follow this link to our *CustomInk* Group Order Page:

**\$25 without custom Name / Number**

**\$35 with custom Name / Number**

*Shirt Orders must be placed by 6/14 for delivery before the Big Day*

**For Game Tickets,  
follow this link:**

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Choose "Give to General Fund,"  
and note "Baseball Trip" in the comments on the second screen.*