

*The greatest  
sacrifice...*  
**the DEEPEST**  
*Love*

*Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

JOHN 15:13



## The Morning Liturgy of St. John

July 1, 2018

Matthew 18:5

Ten o'clock

### The Gathering of God's People to Worship

Prelude: *Battle Hymn of The Republic* - Hayes

*As we listen to the prelude, let this be a time of quiet meditation and anticipation.*

The Greeting and Morning Announcements

The Right Hand of Fellowship and Signing the Friendship Pad

Quiet Preparation— Please turn off all electronic devices.

Ringling of the Church Bell

### Joining Together in Worship

❖ Hymn 323 Wonderful Words of Life

❖ Lighting the Christ Candles - The Acolytes

❖ Call to Worship

❖ Invocation and The 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

❖ Affirmation of Faith:

God of all, we ask Your blessing on us this day. It is Your grace which works within our hearts that generates our faith. Guide us on the path You set before us. Amen.

❖ Gloria Patri (Hymn 35)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Inspiration and Prayer

Anthem: *I Vow To Thee My Country* - Holtz  
Kirsten Bollenbach, soloist

Prayers and Intercessions Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
Response

Offering Our Gifts

Invitation to Share Our Gifts

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music: *America The Beautiful* - Ward

❖ Doxology (Hymn 46) and Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Word and Sacrament

Scripture Lesson: Mark 5:21-43 Pew Bible, Page 816

❖ Sermon Hymn 479 **We Have Heard a Joyful Sound**

Message: "AS LONG AS THERE IS GOD, THERE IS HOPE"  
- Rev. Mimlitz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Insert

Going Forth to Love and Serve

❖ Hymn 484 **We've a Story to Tell to the Nations**

❖ God's Light for All the World - The Acolytes

❖ Benediction

❖ Ringing of the Church Bell

❖ Postlude: *O Beautiful For Spacious Skies* - Livingston, Jr.

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❖ Indicates those who are able may stand.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Tray-Passing: The wine trays can be heavy  
Please **pass** the tray to your neighbor or usher **before**  
taking your own cup and they will hold it for you.

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

Leader: This table is for all people who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for this good earth, and for every kitchen and communion table where life is nourished and hunger is fed.

We give you thanks for women and men through the generations who kneaded the dough, kindled the fire, poured the wine, and opened the door to share their sustenance with those in need.

We remember Jesus, the joyful host, who welcomed the least and the last and gave them seats of honor.

We extend the same hospitality as we work and pray for the day when all people will gather together around the table to share good food, to enjoy good company, and to live in peace for the good of the earth.

We thank you gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the Church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole Universe speaks of your glory, O God most high. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: For on the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving God thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: By the Spirit of Hope, bless this bread and bless this wine, bless the earth, and bless your people, that in the fullness of time every cup will be filled to overflowing and every life will be filled with abundant love.

***The Invitation:***

This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because, in your emptiness, you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Come to the feast and receive the gift of new life. The table is ready. There is more than enough for everyone, and there is a place saved here just for you.

***We Share The Bread and The Cup***

***The Presentation: breaking the bread and lifting the cup***

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.  
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life  
Christ gives us. [NOTE: The bread Host is gluten free.]

***The Reception of the Sacrament: a mutual ministry of all***

*(Let each communicant keep the bread and cup until all have been served, and we will partake together. Juice cups are on the inside and wine cups are on the outside rings of the tray.)*

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Leader: Let us give thanks.

**All: We give thanks, O God for the continuing grace of this Sacrament, and invoke your healing and comfort for all your creatures, for your children everywhere, in every place and condition, for those who face hunger, homelessness, loneliness, and pain. Send us forth with renewed compassion, that we may share your love with all we meet. Amen.**

# St. John UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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SIGN UP SHEETS are on the bulletin board to volunteer to **greet, host fellowship time** and to host **flowers** on the main altar or the original side altar. Please note there is a sign to put on the table if your baked goods have nuts in them. We have a couple of folks with food allergies. Thanks for your help!

**ST. JOHN BOOK CLUB** will meet at **7pm on Monday, July 16th** at Diane Marten's house to discuss *A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding* by Jackie Copleton. All are welcome.

**JOIN US** for our Fellowship Nights at Quigley's in downtown Naperville. The dates are Wednesdays **July 11, July 25, August 8 and August 22. Come around 6pm** to enjoy some good company and share a few laughs.

**OUR ANNUAL COUGAR GAME OUTING** is **Sunday, July 22nd at 1:00 PM**; tickets are \$49 for Adults and \$36 for Children 10 and under. This year **parking is included** along with the food, water and soda in the suite. To be included in the fun, just let Pastor Matt know and give him your check payable to St. John UCC.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**The Blessing of the Animals will be  
Sunday, August 19th.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DO YOU KNOW what to do if you see someone who is homeless? Call our toll-free Street Outreach line 866.682.3846, ext. 2275 and leave a message including: Your name, contact information, the individual or family's description, and their location.

Jessica's Family Says, "Thank You!"

"We feel safe and secure, knowing we have a roof over our heads and a home to come back to. The simplest way to say it is that life is good, and we have DuPage Pads and their supporters to thank for that!" ~ Jessica, a DuPage Pads client who fled domestic violence with her five children, utilized our overnight sites, Client Service Center and now in a "home." For the full story visit our blog at [www.dupagepads.org](http://www.dupagepads.org).

SAVE THE DATE: We would also like to invite you to our **14th Annual Run 4 Home, 10k&5k Run, 10k, 5k and 1k Walk** <https://dupagepads.org/14th-annual-run-4-home/>.

IF YOU ARE NOT currently receiving our weekly emails or monthly newsletters, just go to this link to subscribe: <http://eepurl.com/bF8fOT>.

**WELCOME** to St. John Church! We hope that all who worship here will sense the presence of God in our time together. We ask everyone to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad in your pew, and to greet one another before leaving today.

**CHILDCARE** for infants and toddlers under the age of three years is provided each Sunday from 9:45-11:15 for those parents who wish to avail themselves of this service. There are infant changing tables in both the men and women's restrooms.

Next week we will have a Hymn Sing and the leader and lay reader is Jenny Orwick.

Large print bulletins / hymnals and assistive listening devices are available from any usher.

THE LAY READER is Dan Roberts.

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry & Sue Bejnarowicz.

SPECIAL THANKS to Kirsten Bollenbach for singing for us today.


SPECIAL THANKS to Laura Niemiec for filling in for Kim while she is on vacation.

*Thanks to all who have served us today!*



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