

St. John's is Mask Optional: Masks are not required in our church buildings - with one exception. In order to provide a safe space for those who require or desire it, the balcony will remain "mask required" during worship services. This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Church Guidance Team.

This Week's Calendar

Today, 9/17	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship
	2:00 PM	Town Hall Meeting
Mon, 9/18	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	1:00 PM	Stitch and a Prayer
Tues, 9/19	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	7:00 PM	Sisters Group
Wed, 9/20	8:30 AM	Early Risers
	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	7:00 PM	SPRC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Meditation Group (Zoom)
Thurs, 9/21	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	6:30 PM	God in Yoga (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, 9/22	Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	
	10:00 AM	Public Supper Prep
Sat, 9/23	10:30 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	8:00 AM	Public Supper Prep
	4:30 PM	Public Supper
Sun, 9/24	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments
	1:00 PM	CIA Youth and Family Bowling

OCTOBER BELLWETHER DEADLINE - September 22nd

COFFEE HOUR - Can you help? Sign up in Hartford Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Sign-up poster and instructions in Hartford Hall. Check it out! Contact Sheila Marquette with questions.

St. John's United Methodist Church

September 17th, 2023
16th Sunday After Pentecost



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Rev. Jeffrey J. Hunt, Pastor
 Stephen MacKenzie, Director of Music
 Brianne Tarleton, Assistant Director of Music
 Andy Galt and Guy Eaton, Carillonneurs
 Larry Holman, Lay Leader
 Jana Marie Witten, Today's Liturgist
 Rev. Carroll Moore & Rev. Les Pettit, Ministers Emeritus
 Rev. Taesung Kang, Superintendent, Granite District
 Rev. Peggy Johnson, Resident Bishop (Interim),
 New England Annual Conference

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Order of Service

Music as We Gather

Welcome Pastor Jeff Hunt

Call to Worship Jana Marie Whitten, Liturgist

Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!

God is our strength and our might!

Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt,
opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

**Here and now, God is our salvation,
leading us through dangerous waters.**

Who is like our God, majestic in holiness
and awesome in splendor?

**Every knee shall bow, every voice shall praise
the God of wonder.**

*Opening Hymn UMH 315 (Purple)

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:21-31
This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *It Doesn't Matter Who You Are* Ferguson & Clanton
Arr. Williamson

Message *Dancing in Defeat*
Pastor Jeff

*Hymn UMH 121 (Purple)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

**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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Give and to Serve God

Offertory Music

***The Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

UMH 94 (Purple)

***Closing Hymn**

The Lord of the Dance

UMH 261 (Purple)

Blessing

Music as We Leave

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Supper - Our first eat-in public supper is this week. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Come help and celebrate as we return to sit down suppers.

Town Hall Meeting TODAY!

**The Church Guidance Team
Invites the St. John's Community
To attend a Town Hall Meeting
Sunday September 17, 2023**

**At 2:00pm
In Hartford Hall**

**The purpose of this meeting is to
foster a discussion on the current
financial situation of the church, to
explain where our money comes
from, where we are spending our
money, and how we can work
together to build a solid financial
foundation to preserve our church
in the years to come.**