

**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, 9/24	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship
Mon, 9/25	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	1:00 PM	Stitch and a Prayer
	7:00 PM	Church Guidance Team
Tues, 9/26	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	7:00 PM	Sisters Group
Wed, 9/27	8:30 AM	Early Risers
	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	7:00 PM	Meditation Group (Zoom)
Thurs, 9/28	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	6:30 PM	God in Yoga (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, 9/29	Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	
	12:00 PM	Funeral Luncheon Prep
Sat, 9/30	11:00 AM	Willome Memorial Service
	12:00 PM	Willome Reception
Sun, 10/1	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments

**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 24th, 2023**  
**17th 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  
 Judy Strate, 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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\* - Indicates please stand if comfortable doing so  
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## Order of Service

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Pastor Jeff Hunt

Call to Worship

Judy Strate, Liturgist

Come near to the Lord.

**Lord, be with us this day.**

Lift your sorrows and joys to the Lord.

**Lord, hear the cries of our hearts.**

Come, rest in the love and mercy of God.

**Bless us, O Lord,**

**that we may be blessings for others in your name.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

TFWS 2148 (Black)

*Over My Head*

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-16

*This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*O Love Divine*

Message

*Complaint Department*

Pastor Jeff

**\*Hymn**

TFWS 2216 (Black)

*When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise*

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**

UMH 94 (Purple)

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you have blessed us with so much.**

**Take these gifts and cause them to work for you in**

**this world which you have loaned to us. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

UMH 2234 (Black)

*Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

Blessing

Music as We Leave

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday** we welcome Rev. Dr. Wesley Palmer to the pulpit at St. John's. Wes is an ordained United Methodist Elder currently serving in an Extension Ministry with the Preachers Aid Society of New England. Pastor Jeff will be attending a family wedding on the West Coast. Thanks Wes!