



**Adult Choral Anthem**

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

**Scripture**

*John 13:31-35*

**Sermon**

*Rev. Wendy Schindler-Chasney*

**Hymn**

*“My Lighthouse”*

**Rite of Confirmation**

***Olivia Elaine Meagrow***

*“Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.” Matthew 5:12*

*“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘It’s impossible for human beings. But all things are possible for God.’” Matthew 19: 26*

***Reese Timathee Schaefer***

*“We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8: 28*

***Benjamin Thomas Booth***

*“If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God’s righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin.” Romans 8: 10*

***Carson Blake Eckel***

*“Though they trip up, they won’t be thrown down, because the Lord holds their hand.” Psalm 37: 34*

***Miles Cameron Eckel***

*“I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13*

***Mason Edward Thayer***

*“Commit your way to the Lord! Trust him! He will act.” Psalm 37:5*

**Invitation**

**Sentences**

**Questions of the Candidates**

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**Prayer of the Candidates**

**Prayers of the Congregation (*responsive*)**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these, your servants, into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray together saying...**

**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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Act of Confirmation**

**Prayer of Confirmation**

**Address**

**Question about Participation**

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

***Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.***

**Welcome (*responsive*)**

One: Let us the members of St. John's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and promise our mutual ministry in Christ.

**All: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

**Greeting of Christian Love**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

One: Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**                      *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*                      **#422**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Words of Welcome**

**Invitation & Prayer of Communion**

**Sharing of the Communion Elements** (*The Confirmation Class will be served first with their parents and then the rest of the congregation will be served.*)

**\*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)**

**O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth, our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world, our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Choral Benediction**                      *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

**\*Benediction** *by William Sloane Coffin*

One: May God give you grace never to sell yourself short. Grace to risk something big for something good. Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love. So may God take your minds, and think through them. May God take your lips, and speak through them. May God take your hearts, and set them on fire.

**All: Amen**

**Closing Song**                      *“Eight Fold Amen”*

*Alleluia (4x)*

*Christ is Risen (4x)*

**Postlude**

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**Morning Scriptures**

**John 13: 31-35**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him,<sup>a</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’